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SUMMARY.

It is stated at Tokio that the Japanese have captured Kai-ping, and driven the Russians towards Yingkow.

The object of Friday's daring reconnaissance at Port Arthur was accomplished, but a shell struck the destroyer Akatsuki, killing 25 men.

The "Times" reports that General Kuroki has halted to pull his force together for the advance in the heavy country to Liao-yang.

He also wishes to await the landing of the third army corps, which will co-operate with him.

Meanwhile two divisions under General Oku have been ordered to reduce Port Arthur.

The Port Arthur garrison consists of 30,000 troops and 7000 blue jackets.

General Stossel reports that during the encounter on May 16 the Japanese sustained severe losses, and suspended their advance.

The Russian casualties on May 14 and 16 were one officer killed, 10 officers wounded, and 150 men killed and wounded.

Some of the mines sent out in junks from Port Arthur are drifting about the high seas and into Chinese waters.

British and American naval officers severely criticise these methods as violating the right of nations.

The Russians admit that the first-class cruiser Bogatyr was stranded during a fog, and that Admiral Jessen is striving to save her.

The Russian battleship Orel is now badly stranded near Kronstadt.

It is reported at St. Petersburg that the Japanese cavalry have excellent Australian horses.

A recent typhoon in French Indo-China killed 5000 people. The losses are estimated at several million francs.

A sharp engagement has taken place near Gyangtse, 15 Thibetans being killed whilst attempting to ambush a small party.

The British have cleared one Thibetan village, which was desperately defended.

Operations against other villages are suspended, as the Thibetans are prepared to rush the British camp.

Mr. F. T. Marshall has won the international chess tournament at Cambridge Springs.

About 200 delegates assembled at the Masonic Hall, Castlereagh-street, yesterday to constitute the Local Government Convention.

Mr. Wise submitted a summary of a bill, and he took great pains to explain that the Convention was not to replace Parliament.

The Convention carried a resolution in favour of the incorporation of the whole State with a special stipulation in reference to the Western Division.

During the day the Mayor entertained the delegates at the Town Hall.

Mr. Wise proposes to supply electors with copies of a Local Government Bill, upon which they will be able to question candidates at the next elections.

In the Supreme Court yesterday judgment was reserved in the appeal of the Master Retailers' Association against the decision of the Arbitration Court.

It has transpired that the Perpetual Trustee Company has claimed £25,000 for the loss of royalties by resumption of coal-mining lands at Teralba.

Sir Julian Salomons declared in argument yesterday that if the Arbitration Court had the power which it claimed the result might be disaster and industrial revolution.

Mr. Justice Cohen gave a decision yesterday that clubs do not come within the jurisdiction of the Arbitration Court.

The offer by auction of land near the Central Railway Station yesterday was a failure, the total sales only amounting to £3631.

Mr. O'Sullivan says he is not disappointed with the small sales, as the land will increase in value and will be re-submitted.

The Minister, however, says he does not know how the result will affect the work which was to have been carried out at the station.

Mr. Carruthers arrived at Young yesterday, and in the evening addressed a crowded meeting in the Town Hall.

Mr. Carruthers said that Labour methods were founded on too narrow a conception of human liberty and of the working of social and industrial economy.

It is expected that in the Burrangong electorate there will be a contest between a Labour and a Reform candidate, and that there will be no Government nominee.

The Supreme Court at Adelaide has awarded a labourer £95 as compensation for injuries received through a fall from some scaffolding.

The Queensland Government intends to introduce a new system of maintaining hospitals, and considers that the voluntary system has broken down.

The ketch Keera reports that a fireball exploded near her at New Guinea, followed by lightning which temporarily blinded all hands.

Further accounts of the New Guinea affray state that there were women as well as men in the canoes which went alongside the Merrie England.

The supposed murderer of Dr. Chalmers was taken to Port Moresby and was heavily ironed.

General rains have fallen in New South Wales, every portion of the State having benefited. Showery conditions still prevail over a large area.

The estate of the late Mr. J. Ewen, of Dunedin (of Messrs. Sargood, Son, and Ewen), has been certified for stamp duty in New Zealand at £203,000.

The Victorian Government has determined to utilise its surplus in paying off portion of its indebtedness to the Savings Bank.

Mr. Bent intends to pay £100,000 back immediately, thereby saving about £4000 a year in interest.

A report has been made to the City Council that the prospects of a good demand for the electric light continue to improve.

Dr. Kendall has submitted a report showing that the metropolitan catchment area has a population of 1027 people, besides 6495 animals.

He says the position cannot be viewed without anxiety, and that there is constant danger of a pollution of the water supply.

A man named Robertson was shot during a quarrel at Wellington (N.Z.) yesterday, and died subsequently.

Victoria has intimated that where fruit fly is found in any portion of a consignment from this State the whole consignment will be rejected.

Sir John See and Mr. Crick are expected to reach Sydney on Friday.

The Governor-General has delegated his power in respect to the calling of courts-martial to the military commandants.

The Chief Railway Commissioner stated at Goulburn yesterday that the policy of cheap fares, if carried out, would end in disaster to the railways.

The Minister for Defence says that Major Lenehan has not been fairly dealt with, and it is probable that an inquiry will be held.

There are indications that the Federal Treasurer's estimate of the New South Wales revenue will be largely exceeded.

There is a feeling in federal circles that members who cross the floor of the House to support the Government should again go before the electors.

A sensational attempt to rob the battery of the New Stirling G.M. Co., after the clean-up last week, was thwarted.

Mr. Outtrim, Deputy Postmaster-General of Victoria, has tendered his resignation as the result of the acrimonious correspondence with the Postmaster-General.

Friction has occurred between the Minister for Defence and Major-General Hutton owing to the latter using cipher cables.

The Major-General maintains that he is not justified in revealing the secret service code of the Home Government.

The Stock and Share market yesterday was quiet, but steady.

The Mining market was dull, but there was a noticeable improvement in No. 2 South Great Eastern. Otherwise there were few changes.

The Import market was marked by an absence of bulk business, but a small distributing trade was carried through.

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MORUYA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., Ltd. All persons having CLAIMS against the above Company are required to furnish particulars of such claims to me, at my office, Campbell-street, Moruya, on or before the 30th day of June, 1904. L. J. HURLEY, Liquidator.

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LOST, Skye Terrier DOG, Saturday; finder rewarded. 35 Trafalgar-st, Annandale.

LOST, on Sat. night, Chain Bracelet, with 3 turquoise and 2 pearls, 60 Thompson-st, D'hurst Hghts. Rew.

LOST, from Ashfield, Dun Pony MARE, brand 6D. Reward, Watt, 18 John-st, Ashfield.

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LOST, Sunday evening, black Feather FAN; reward. Brighton Hotel, Oxford-st.

LOST, betw. Enfield Ch. and Strathfield stn., Silver Chain PURSE; rew. Price, Woorools, Strathfield.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Half-yearly General MEETING of the Proprietors will be held at the Chief Banking-house, George-street, Sydney, on TUESDAY, the 24th day of May, 1904, at Noon, to consider the Report of the Board of Directors to be then made; to elect a Director in the room of William Alfred Cotton, Esq., deceased, whose place has been temporarily filled by the appointment of Sir James Reading Fairfax; and to consider such other matters and things as may then be brought forward in conformity with the Deed of Settlement.

By order of the Board of Directors, J. RUSSELL FRENCH, General Manager.

By the 45th Clause of the Deed of Settlement it is provided that every proprietor who shall become a candidate for the office of Director shall give notice thereof to the Board of Directors in writing fourteen days at the least before the day of election. Bank of New South Wales, Sydney, 2nd May, 1904.

BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

NOTICE is hereby given that SIR JAMES READING FAIRFAX, a duly qualified Shareholder, is a CANDIDATE for the Office of Director in this Bank, and has given due notice thereof in terms of the Deed of Settlement.

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, General Manager. Sydney, 11th May, 1904.

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REGISTER of TRANSFERS CLOSED from 1st June to 24th June, 1904 (both inclusive). Transfers received up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, the 31st May, 1904.

H. P. WILSON, Local Secretary. Adelaide, 20th May, 1904.

PUBLIC MEETING, School of Arts, Sydney, TO-NIGHT, at 8. Protest against State Children's Bill.—Mrs. HAMILTON-GREY on Press and Parliament versus the People. Conspiracy against the Liberties and Free Customs of Electors in choice of Representatives. All invited. No collection.

THE Annual MEETING of the Protestant Church of England Union will be held at St. Barnabas', George-street West, THIS EVENING. Sermon by the Rev. W. H. H. Yarrington, M.A., LL.B., at 5 o'clock. Tea at 6 p.m., 6d each. Meeting in hall. Rev. Canon Archdall, M.A., take chair 7.30. C. Gifford Moore, sec.

A MEETING of the "Child Study Association" will be held at Town Hall, Sydney, To-day, 4 p.m.

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PAINTERS.—Grainer's Imp. wanted. Phillipson, grainer, Thompson's new job, Cowper-st, Randwick.

PAINTERS.—Price, 8s. job, first-c. Paint, and Mar. 9 and 10, C. L. Jones and Co., Pitt and Pk. sts.

PAINTERS.—Tenders required, labour and material. Paint. 2 W.B. cot., Esmr-st, op. Greengate, Grdn.

PLUMBERS.—Repairing Gutter, etc. 61 Phillip-st, Waterloo, opp. Redfern Park, before 11 a.m.

PLUMBERS.—Wanted, Price for small job of Plumbing, fixing, etc., on works, 208 West-st, N. Sydney.

PLUMBERS.—Tenders wanted, Plumbing work to cottage. H. Wall, Woodstock-st, Botany.

SANITARY Plumbers, Drainers.—Tenders rec., till 27th, 8 houses. Specs., W. J. Purdy, 93 Oxford-st.

SPELTER, PIG-IN and RAILS FOR SALE. Arthur Hordern and Co., L.d., 117 Pitt-st.

SLATES, all kinds, at lowest; Florite Opal Wall Tiles. G. T. Cross, 2 Bridge-st. Tel., 1768.

STONEMASONS.—Tenders wanted for Coping and Steps, new building, opposite Pier, Rose Bay.

TENDERS are invited until Noon May 30th (MONDAY) for Erection and Completion of Soldiers' Memorial, Forbes (Marble).
Sealed and endorsed "Tender for Soldiers' Memorial," to be sent to the Mayor of Forbes not later than noon May 30th, 1904.
JOHN H. BATES,
Architect,
Forbes.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned for the ERECTION and COMPLETION of a BUTTER FACTORY at the Tumut Railway Station, up to 2 p.m. June 1, 1904.
Plans and specifications to be seen at Messrs. WILDRIDGE and SINCLAIR'S Office, Vickery-chambers, 82 Pitt-street, Sydney.
R. M'KAY, Secretary,
Tumut Butter Co., Ltd.

THE NEW SOUTH WALES BRICK CO., Limited, Huntley-street, Alexandria, telephone 412 Newtown. Manufacturers of every description of bricks.

TENDERS Bricklaying double Chimney, labour only. Apply Flood and Albert sts, Leichhardt.

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TENDERS.

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TENDERS wanted, Painting 4 Cottages, Gordon-rd, Killara, 1 or 2, and m. Gazzard, Lumley, Pmta.

TENDERS wanted for Brick-laying, labour only. Paddington-st, Paddington.

TENDERS, pull down Cottage and grub trees. Ferry-rd and Avon st, Glebe Pt.

TENDERS wanted for Carpentering Work, labour and material; small job. 77 Fitzroy-st, Surry Hills.

TENDERS wanted for Alterations to shop front window. 80 Lackey-st, Summer Hill.

TO PAINTERS.—Tenders Invited, W.B. Cottage. Apply A. W. Jones, Waratah-st, West Rogarah.

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PAINTS, OILS, COLOURS,
WALLPAPERS
(New Season's Supply).
WILKINSON, HEYWOOD, and CLARK, Ltd.,
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WANTED, Tenders Paperhanging and Painting, etc., butcher shop, 449 Burtn-st, Ultimo.

WANTED, Tenders for Plumbing. Edgecliff-rd, opp. Phippard's Quarry, at 11 a.m.

WANTED, 2 good Tuckpointers, 3 months' work at 6 p.m., J. Williams, Buller-st, Erskineville.

WANTED, price Quarrying and putting in foundations 4 Houses. 8 Moore-st, nr. Mansfield-st, Rozel.

PATENT METAL CEILINGS,
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SPECIAL REDUCTIONS FOR ONE MONTH ONLY, PRIOR TO STOCKTAKING
STEEL CEILINGS, 1s 6d, 1s 9d, 1s 6d, 1s 7d, 1s 8d, 1s 9d, and 2s per sq. yard.
CORNICES, 7d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, and 6d per foot run.
NET CASH PRICES.
G. E. CRANE AND SONS,
Marble Slate and Metal Ceiling Works,
Head Office and Showrooms, 93, 95, 97, 99, and 31 Pitt-street, Circular Quay.

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TANGYE'S new series Balanced Steam Engines, vertical and horizontal, with crank shaft governor, 5 to 85 h.-p. BENNIE, TEARE, and CO., Hay-street, Sole Australian Representatives.

ENGINEERS' and Mechanical LEATHES of every kind. Raw Hide Rope,
J. C. LUDOWICI and SON, Ltd.,
117 York-street, Sydney.

FOR Sale, 4 h.-p. Tan. Boiler, with 8 h.-p. Eng., as seen work, £37 10s. Watson and Co., Pitt-Dbn. stx.

WANTED, second-hand Ball MILL, equal to No. 1 Krupp. Apply Fenders' Agency, Adelaide.

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PULLEYS H.P. BOILER and Engine, 20ft of shafting and pulleys, for sale. 65 Fitzroy-st, Surry Hills.

CLEAR, cheap, a few lengths 3in x 6in Block Pipes and Boiler Tubes. Macintosh and Sons, 307 Pitt-st.

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LEFT-OFF CLOTHING.—Mr. and Mrs. BARNETT give from 50 to 100 per cent. above all dealers for Ladies', Gents.'s, and Children's Left-off Clothing of all descriptions, House Linen, Artificial Teeth, Miscellaneous Articles, etc. Letters attended to by Mr. and Mrs. BARNETT, 45 Foveaux-street, city.

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WANTED to Buy, 1 second-hand Iron Fireproof SAFE, inside measurement about 37 x 14 x 16, must be in good order, and cheap. Apply by letter before Thursday next, Gosnells, 9, K. Herald Office.

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CRITERION THEATRE.
THE MARRIAGE OF KITTY.
SIR REGINALD and LADY BELSIZE.
"AT HOME" TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, at 2 o'clock.
GRAND ILLUMINATED MATINEE.

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Under the Direction of Mr. J. C. WILLIAMSON,
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The Social Event of the Year.
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proved to be the most delightful and interesting ceremony which has been performed in Sydney for many years. The union of the young Australian
KITTY SILVERTON and Sir REGINALD BELSIZE
attracted thousands of interested spectators from all classes of society. The bride was in splendid spirits, and by her refreshing wit and gaiety created great amusement among those present, and, in order that her lady friends might have an opportunity of seeing her beautiful trousseau, she introduced a novelty, by wearing during the evening five of her most charming costumes, to the immense delight and gratification of the
REGINALD.
SIR REGINALD and LADY BELSIZE
desire to return their hearty thanks to their friends, admirers, and well-wishers, and express their regret that through the limited house room so many were unable to obtain admission. Having consulted with Mr. Williamson, they have decided to extend their honeymoon in Sydney, during which time the Registrar will be in attendance, and "THE MARRIAGE OF KITTY" will be repeated
EVERY EVENING at 8 o'clock,
and
TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock.
SIR REGINALD and LADY BELSIZE
beg to acknowledge the splendid assistance they received from the members of
Mr. WILLIAMSON'S NEW COMEDY COMPANY.
One and all contributed their best efforts towards the great and overwhelming success of
THE MARRIAGE OF KITTY,
the following ladies and gentlemen taking parts—
Miss ROSE MUSGROVE,
Miss FLORENCE LE CLERCQ,
Miss FLORENCE HAMER,
Mr. WILFRED DRAYCOTT,
Mr. FRED W. PERMAIN,
Mr. THOMAS E. FOSTER,
Mr. ARTHUR FORDE.
The function under the direction of Mr. H. H. VINCENT.
Musical Director: Mr. S. WHITE.
BOX PLAN at ELVY and CO.'S. Day Tickets at White Rose Confectionery, Pitt-street.
EARLY DOORS!
Stalls, 4s; Family Circle and Gallery, 2s, from 7 to 7.30 p.m.
Special Notice.—Carriages at 10.30 p.m.
HER REGINALD MASSEY'S beautiful rendering of "Home, Sweet Home," next Saturday

BUSINESSES FOR SALE OR WANTED.

P. V. RYAN, Agents, 8 and 9 Post Office-chambers, 114A Pitt-st, opp. G.P.O., Sydney. Tel., 3080.

P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, heart of city, thr. £110 wk., beaut. apptd., 3 fine bars, free bac., £2500, terms.

P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, main street, leadg. sub., new bc. at 4.5 Rs, 0 2 30 xxx wk., free, £850, terms.

P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, busy city, Redf., 6 yrs, same hands, rent £3, 6 x 30 xxx wk., comp. bus., £400.

P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, city, not changed hands for 3 yrs., dbldn col. wk., b. room., £200. 114A Pitt-st

P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, handy sub., rent £2 10s, avg. 5 x 2? wk. and the year round, £260. 114A Pitt-st.

P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, sub., r 35s, licensee must sell this wk., orig. £1n, £99 cash, offer. 114A Pitt-st.

P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, busy West, sub., bc. 12 yrs., r. £2 10s, 8 x 30 xxx wk., comp. bus., £400. 114A Pitt-st.

P. V. RYAN—Hotel, Surry Hills, r £2, takings £25 wk., suit yg. couple, £250. 114A Pitt-st.

P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, best northern town, long lse, rent £4, 40 rms., tk. £70 wk., £1000, terms.

P. V. RYAN—Hotel, nr. Sydney, 7 yrs' lse, rent £2, plenty land, well furn., £250 week, free, £250

P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, W. town, 8 yrs., rent £2, 25 rms., sporting bus., tak. £35 wk., free, £800

P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, best outside Sydney, any lse, rent £90, 70 rooms, tk., £200 wk., free, £3000.

GROCERY, Redf., cor. pos., rent 15s, well stocked, takes £15 wk., est. yrs., £96. Ryan, 114A Pitt-st.

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IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, heart of city, 3 bars, taking £120 wk., 1 lse yrs, easy rent, £1000. 134 Pitt-st.

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IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, Geo.-st, free h., thg. £40 w., and increg., just done up, £750. 134 Pitt-st.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, subs., bldrs., etc., r. £2, noted house call, thg. £35 wk., free, £350. 134 Pitt-st.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, D'hurst, same hds. my. yrs., 6 x 36's wk., all bar trade, suit widow, £250.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, heart shipping, must be sold, lse 7 yrs., rent £200. thg. £250. 134 Pitt-st.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel (Tooth's), 12 yrs, rent £5, 8 x 27's wk., full price £300. 134 Pitt-st.

CLAIRVOYANT, gd. sub., old-est., elite conn., price with furn., £55, without £25. Ivan Henry.

CITY BUS.—only one of its kind, suit lady or gent., clears £6 a week, to any trial. Ivan Henry.

BUTCHERY, rising subs., no opp., cuts 6 bullocks, 60 sheep, top prices, spl. plant, £350. Ivan Henry.

HAM, Beef, North, subs., doing rapidly incr. trade, splend. apptd., £440. Ivan Henry, 134 Pitt-st.

BIRDCAGE, main road, subs., r. £1, thg. £25 wk., 2 fowns, lorry, van, etc., £125. Ivan Henry.

HAIRD. and TOIL., best pos. city, thgs. shop £25, sal. £9; £190, worth dble. 2 Henry 134 Pitt-st.

GROCERY, sub. centre, turno. £400 mth., no cutting prices, any live., stock val., £950. 134 Pitt-st.

ROSEVILLE HOTEL, few miles from city, in good Railway Suburb, just effcted, in present hands 12 years, new lease, newly done up, rent 30s wk. Full price £400. Can arrange with £ cash.
Hoffnung's-chambers, 163 Pitt-street, next to G.P.O.

HOTEL, on main road, close to city, lease 21 years, at full rent £20 month, supported by several important factories in the trade, lease 6 and 7 x 84's week, well furnished, bar £70, cash £1250.
WARDEN.
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WARDEN 162 Pitt-st.—Hotel, off Oxford-st, low rent, bar £40 week, worth inspection, £250.

FREE HOTEL, at Sutherland Station, the only hotel in the suburb, lease 28 years, rent £2 per wk., proof taking £40 week, highest profits, beautiful home, large grounds, 2 bars, cash £700.
WARDEN.
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JOSEPH and CO.—Hotel, close markets, 3 bhds. wk., bar £30, £270. 106 King-st.

JOSEPH and CO.—Hotel, railway station, 7 miles out, rent 40s, trade £25, £300. Tooth's.

JOSEPH and CO.—Hotel, city, changed once in 14 years, 4 bhds wk., £40, £450.

JOSEPH and CO.—Hotel, city, lease 15 yrs., £000, trade £45 (Tooth's), nice home. 106 King-st.

JOSEPH and CO.—Compact Hotel, £285, bar £30 wkly., 5 x 36, for positive sale. 106 King-st.

JOSEPH and CO.—Hotel, railway station, bar £50 wkly., 6 x 36's, £500. Price, 106 King-st.

BOARDING-HOUSE, grand city position, 20 rooms, easy rent, grandly furnished, splendid piano, good supply plate, linen, 18 boarders, 22s to 25s weekly, £350. JOSEPH and CO., 106 King-street.

RESIDENTIAL CHAMBERS, city, position unequalled, 14 rooms, handsomely furnished, scrupulously clean, low rent, old established, splendid connection, great barg., £145. JOSEPH and CO., 106 King-street.

LUNCHEON and Tea Rooms, heart city, takings £15 wkly., well furnished, moderate rent, high-class connection, same hands 4 years, suit 1 or 2 ladies, £80. JOSEPH and CO., 106 King-street.

PASTRYCOOK, Refreshment Catering Business, leading city position, takings £30 weekly, grandly

AUCTION SALES.

AUCTIONEERS' NOTICE.

HORSE SALES AT CAMPERDOWN.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON hereby notify that owing to the shortness of the days their Horse Sales at the above Yards will commence at 2 o'clock sharp.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON.

PONIES WANTED.

We have a Buyer for PONIES for shipment; must be broken to harness, 13 to 14 hands.
Buyer will inspect at Bazaar daily between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON.

INGLIS AND SON'S HORSE BAZAAR.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by Auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 a.m. sharp, Vans, Springcarts, Horses, and Harness, Draught Horses, Tipdrays, Horses, and Harness.
And at 11 a.m.,
Horses and Vehicles of every description.
Tel., 1331. Specially Advertised.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS.

THIS DAY, TUESDAY,
AT 2 P.M. SHARP,

SIXTY-FIVE HEAD.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction as above.
On account of Messrs. T. and W. D. MOXHAM.
40 specially good Horses, comprising principally heavy and medium draughts, gunners, and business cart sorts.
The above are described by Messrs. Moxham as a really first-class consignment, carefully selected for the present requirements of this market, all 4 to 6 years old, in the pink of condition, broken and unbroken. Among the draughts are some specially good shafters, worthy the attention of BREWERS, MILLERS, HEAVY CARRIERS, SHIPPERS, and others.

On account Mr. J. R. RICHARDS, Mulgoa.
10 good useful class Horses, comprising 5 upstanding light Harness and Saddle Horses, the balance draughts, all broken. Among the lot is a thoroughbred brown Gelding by Invader, dam by Ringwood out of a mare by Whalebone, including Chestnut Gelding, 16 hands, broken to saddle, a good jumper, and should make a splendid charger.

On account RICHMOND RIVER AGENTS.
12 First-class Horses, comprising about 5 heavy Draughts, the balance upstanding light Horses, suitable for cab, buggy, sulky, and all descriptions of light Harness and Hackney work, broken and unbroken.

On account Mr. J. P. HOPKINS, Castle Hill.
4 Useful Saddle and Harness Horses, in good condition.

On account of Mr. H. H. COY, Galston.
Chestnut Draught Gelding, good sort and stanch; also brown Pony, quiet to ride.

BUYERS WILL PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SALE WILL START PUNCTUALLY TO ADVERTISED TIME, viz., TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

DEALER'S VAN TURNOUT, etc.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. T. Spindler to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.,
Bay Gelding, Dealer's Van, and Harness, making a good turnout; also, bay Gelding. Both horses are stanch, and subject to any trial.

HOODED PIANO-BOX BUGGY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. C. E. Wood to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.,
Piano-box Buggy, with hood, pole, and shafts, in splendid order.

ROAD SULKY TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.,
Bay Gelding, 15 hands, thoroughly reliable in saddle and harness, and very fast, Road Sulky, and Harness, in good repair, making a first-class lot.

3 FIRST-CLASS TURNOUTS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.,
Upstanding Bay Gelding, 16 hands, superior Dogcart, and Harness; Grey Gelding, D.S. Buggy, and Harness; also Roan Pony Gelding, hooded Sulky, and Harness.

HOODED SOCIABLE, SULKY, AND HARNESS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.,
A very stylish Hooded Sociable, also first-class Sulky and Harness, all in good condition.

HEAVY DRAUGHT MARE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Heavy Dr. Bay Mare, 7 yrs., very reliable, any trial.

HEAVY DRAUGHT GELDING.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Heavy Draught Bay Gelding, 6 yrs., any trial, an exceptionally good animal, fit for any heavy work.

ACTIVE DR. HORSE, from CAMDEN.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. G. Jameson, Camden, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
An active Draught Brown Gelding, well broken, and a grand worker, subject to any fair trial, suit a van or dray.

7 GOOD USEFUL PONIES, from ST. MARYS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. F. Harvey, St. Marys, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
7 good useful Ponies, thoroughly broken to saddle and harness.

STYLISH S. AND H. HORSE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Chestnut Gelding, 5 years, thoroughly broken to saddle and harness, fast and stylish, suit a cab or brougham.

TO RACING MEN AND OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Bay Mare, 14 hands, by Sir William, broken to saddle, and very fast.

HANDSOME S. AND H. PONY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Dr. G. L. Sly to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Bay Pony Gelding, good sort, about 14.2, with good paces, thoroughly quiet to ride or drive, and used to trams.

MEDIUM DRAUGHT MARE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from G. H. Goodwin to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
An active draught Black Mare, 7 years, stanch and reliable, subject to any trial.

HEAVY DRAUGHT GELDING AND PONY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Heavy Draught Roan Gelding, thoroughly stanch, any trial; also dark Chestnut Pony, 4 years, 12 hands, broken to saddle and harness, lady can drive her.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS.

TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY,
at 2 p.m.

40 EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD HORSES 40

TWO CELEBRATED BRANDS,
—B AND JS over A.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction as above.
On account Mr. T. F. PRATLEY, Bathurst:
40 High-class Colts and Fillies, principally colts, 4 and 5 years old, and comprising heavy and medium Draughts, bearing the JS over A brand, and upstanding, good quality, well-bred Light Horse, bearing the —B brand.
Mr. Pratley describes the above as an exceptionally good draft, all in grand condition, principally unbroken, and bearing the CELEBRATED JS OVER A AND BAR B BRANDS. The latter Sired by the Imported Roadster Stallion WHO GOES THERE.

HOODED SOCIABLE AND HARNESS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, TO-MORROW, Wednesday, at 11 a.m.,
A very superior Sociable, with hood and set of Harness, both in perfect order.

HIGH-CLASS BROUGHAM TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, TO-MORROW, Wednesday, at 11 a.m.,
Handsome pair of Bay Geldings, quiet and reliable, Single-seated Brougham (by Windover, of London), and Harness, making one of the best turnouts in the State.

ST. MARYS.

RAILWAY CATTLE SALEYARDS.
SATURDAY NEXT, MAY 28,
AT 12 O'CLOCK SHARP.

TO GRAZIERS, FARMERS, BUTCHERS, DEALERS, DAIRYMEN, and Others.

300 HEAD. 300

SPRINGING COWS AND HEIFERS,
PADDOCK-FED FAT CATTLE,
and MIXED STORE CATTLE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, as above, and the following are particulars of the various lots advised up to the present, viz.:—
20 Springing COWS and HEIFERS, about half the number of which are close to calving.
15 newly-calved COWS.
20 prime paddock-fed FAT CATTLE.
12 exceptionally choice Springers, purebred Milking Durhams, reds and roans, described as the best lot yet offered at the above yards.
30 first-class Dairy Heifers, exceptionally well bred, from a splendid dairy herd, nearly all forward in calf, some close to calving.
13 Springing Heifers, described as really good.
15 superior Dairy Heifers, 3 years old.
50 high-class Dairy Heifers, 1½ to 2½ years, well grown, and good colours. Among the lot are a number of roans.
55 good Store Cows.
70 mixed Young Cattle, 1 to 2 years old.

TRAIN leaves Sydney for St. Marys on morning of Sale at 10.15, returning at 2.42 and 6.47 p.m.
Competent Drovers can be arranged for, or Cattle can be paddocked and trucked according to instructions.

THIS DAY, at 2 sharp.
MIDDLETON and CO. sell by auction, at No. 110 George-street West, Ladies' Dresses, Underclothing, Men's and Children's Clothing, Boots, Drapery, Furniture, Bed Linen, and Sundries, very large assortment, NO RESERVE.

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WITHOUT RESERVE
(unless previously satisfied).

SALE BY AUCTION OF FURNITURE.

THIS DAY (TUESDAY), 24th MAY, at 10.30 o'clock,
At the Residence, LYNDHURST,
No. 14 VICTORIA-STREET, LEWISHAM.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE
(Late LAWSON, CARO, and CO., Ltd.)
will sell by auction as above.

PETERSHAM.
UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION
THIS DAY, TUESDAY, MAY 24, 1904,
AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.,
on the Premises,
ANTHEMIS, 60 OXFORD-STREET, PETERSHAM,
under instructions from
FRANCIS MACKEL, ESQ.,
owing to his intention of leaving the State,
the whole of his
FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS,
comprising
DINING-ROOM, DRAWING-ROOM, AND BEDROOM FURNITURE,

WALNUT PIANOFORTE,
by Bord, of Paris.

BLACK AND BRASS HALF-TESTER BEDSTEADS AND BEDDING COMPLETE,

KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY EFFECTS,
etc., etc., etc.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE
(LATE LAWSON, CARO, and CO., Ltd.)
have received instructions from FRANCIS MACKEL, Esq., to Sell by Auction, as above.
ON VIEW PRIOR TO SALE FROM 9 A.M.

NORTH SYDNEY.

IMPORTANT UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION
THIS DAY, TUESDAY, MAY 24, 1904,
AT 2.30 O'CLOCK AFTERNOON,
at
NO. 131 ARTHUR-ST., NORTH SYDNEY.
Under instructions from
THE EXECUTOR ESTATE LATE Mrs. McFARLAND.

The Whole of the
VALUABLE FURNITURE
and
HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS,

HAPSBURG PIANOFORTE,
in Walnut case, in absolutely perfect order.

BEDROOM FURNITURE
for Double and Single Rooms,
Furnished Complete.

KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY EFFECTS,
Etc., Etc., Etc.

Also
QUANTITY OF BED and TABLE LINEN, to be sold in Lots.

ON VIEW PRIOR TO SALE FROM 10 A.M.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE
(LATE LAWSON, CARO, and CO., Ltd.)
have been favoured with instructions from the EXECUTOR IN ESTATE LATE Mrs. McFARLAND to conduct the Important Sale by Auction as above.
WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

PYMBLE.
ON THE MILSON'S POINT LINE.

HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE SALE BY AUCTION
TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, MAY 25,
At 11 o'clock a.m.,
Under instructions from
MISS HUMPHREYS.

THE HANDSOME MODERN FURNITURE
and
VERY ELEGANT APPOINTMENTS
of
HER CHARMING VILLA RESIDENCE,

MOUNT VIEW,
LANE COVE-ROAD, PYMBLE
(Opposite the Mount St. Bernard Convent School).

*** Owing to shortness of notice, the auctioneers have not had time to prepare a catalogue. INSPECTION IS INVITED THIS DAY, TUESDAY, 24th MAY, from 10 o'clock a.m., and PRIOR TO SALE on WEDNESDAY MORNING, from 9 o'clock.

*** SPECIAL ATTENTION IS DIRECTED to the following:—

TABLE GLASS AND FINE CHINA.
VERY FINE ELECTROPLATE,
FROM THE LEADING ENGLISH SILVERSMITHS.

VALUABLE PICTURES AND ORNAMENTS.

MASSIVE AND VERY OLD ENGLISH OAK DINING-ROOM FURNITURE.

ROSEWOOD WOOD AND MARQUETERIE
DRAWING-ROOM FURNITURE
of High-class English Manufacture

ROYAL AXMINSTER CARPETS,
BEST QUALITY LINOLEUMS
(Practically Equal to New).

CHOICE PAINTINGS AND ORNAMENTS.

THE FURNISHINGS OF SEVERAL WELL-APPOINTED BEDROOMS.

KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY REQUISITES,
and
MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS.

*** ALL IN THE MOST BEAUTIFUL ORDER,
and to be Sold
WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE
(Late LAWSON, CARO, and CO., Ltd.)
have been favoured with instructions from Miss HUMPHREYS to conduct the HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE SALE by Auction as above.

THIS DAY, TUESDAY, MAY 24,
at 11 o'clock sharp.
Continued throughout the day with short break for lunch,

AT KELSON'S CENTRAL AUCTION ROOMS,
115 Bathurst-street,
GENERAL and SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and Effects, in excellent order and condition,
comprising—
Handsome and Useful Table Appointments in GLASSWARE, CUTLERY, ELECTROPLATE
LEATHER DINING-ROOM SUITE of 9 pcs., finest Linoleum
BRUSSELS CARPETS, 5ft B. GLASS SIDEBOARD
EXT. DINING TABLE, OVAL OVERMANTELS.
CHARMING DRAWING-ROOM OCCASIONAL FURNITURE
FANCY WICKER CHAIRS, LACE CURTAINS
FULL UPRIGHT GRAND PIANOFORTE, The Holstein, with Iron Frame and all Modern Improvements
Handsome Solid Walnut Dr. P. Cabinet.
The complete Furnishings of 4 Bedrooms, including—MASSIVE BRASS and NICKEL MOUNTED BEDSTEADS, Double and Single, fitted with wire and kapok Beds, 3 BEDROOM SUITES of superior Manufacture and Design, Wardrobes, M. T. Washstands, Toilet Ware, etc, etc, etc.
Fine Brass Cake Stand, Garden Seat, Kitchen and Laundry Requisites, and sundry useful Furnishings.

VINCENT H. KELSON,
AUCTIONEER,
has received instructions from the various vendors to sell as above.

BUILDING MATERIALS. BUILDING MATERIALS.
IMPORTANT SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
THIS DAY, TUESDAY, at 11 o'clock,
on the Site of the Demolition, at the rear of MASSEY-HARRIS, BROADWAY, and also at the rear of GRACE BROS., comprising
250 Sheets of Beautiful Galvanised Iron, 6 to 10 ft, a prime lot, Orb Brand.
4000 Bricks, splendid quality; 30 Perch of Dimension Freestone; Register Grates.
French Casements, with Frames, complete.
Panel and Ledge Doors; Window Frames and Sashes.
Fine Lot Lining Boards; 500ft Kauri Pine Flooring, good as new; 1000ft H'wood Flooring Boards; 500ft 3 x 1 Battens; 2000ft Long Lengths 6 x 2½ Joists, H'wood; 4 x 2, 3 x 2 Rafters, Ceiling Joists, Collar Ties, Studs, 24ft Bale, Railing, splen. patn, Water Piping, W.C. Cistern and Pan, complete, etc.

A. BARNETT
has received instructions from the Contractors to Sell as above, WITHOUT RESERVE.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT TO SPECULATIVE BUILDERS, CONTRACTORS, DEALERS, and Others.
SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, at 11 O'CLOCK,
on the Site,
BOYLAN'S HOTEL, just over the new PYRMONT BRIDGE, PYRMONT.
This Modern Hotel is being demolished, and will be replaced by Magnificent New Hotel.
Comprising
10,000 Machine Bricks, all of O.K. quality.
10,000 Full Size Sandstock Bricks, all spotted.
Handsome and Modern Bar Fittings, in Polished Cedar and Kauri Pine. The Counter and Fittings are of recent design and construction, and worthy of attention.
Entrance Bar Doors, 4 Pairs of French Casements.
10 Modern Box Frames and Sashes, 10 Panel Doors (6ft 8 x 2.8), 350ft skirting, 500ft architraves.
1000ft Lining and Partition Brds., 1500ft Kauri Flooring.
***200 Sheets A1 Galvanised Iron, 6 to 9ft.
2000ft 7 x 2½, 6 x 2½ H'wood Joists; 2000ft 4 x 2½, 4 x 3, 3 x 2 Rafters, Plates, etc.
Cast Iron Balcony Railing, Chandeliers, Water and Gas Piping.
***Register Grates, Cedar Mantels, Hoists Sundries, etc.

A. BARNETT
has received instructions from Mr. FISHBURN, Contractor, to Sell as above, WITHOUT RESERVE.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTICE.

The SALE advertised for THURSDAY, the 26th inst., at COCKATOO ISLAND, is POSTPONED until WEDNESDAY, the 1st JUNE, at 11 a.m. See future advertisements.
HYAM HAINS,
Licensed Auctioneer and Valuator, 242 Pitt-street,
Telephone, 2547.

THIS DAY, MAY 24th, at 11 a.m.

UNREDEEMED PLEDGES.

A. G. JENKINS will Sell by Auction, at his Rooms, 274 Pitt-street, the UNREDEEMED PLEDGES pawned with Mr. C. M'Farlan, at his Office, Cleveland and Shepherd streets, DARLINGTON, consisting of MEN'S and WOMEN'S CLOTHING, BOOTS, BLANKETS, BED and TABLE LINEN, etc.

TRY IT THIS MORNING,

and you will in the future always call for it,

BECAUSE

It braces up the entire system for the day.

WOLFE'S SCHNAPPS AND MILK.

AUCTION SALES.

ASHFIELD.

ABRIDGED ADVERTISEMENT.
(See Saturday's Herald.)

VERY IMPORTANT AND MOST ATTRACTIVE UNRESERVED SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION.

UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM
G. J. BROINOWSKI, ESQ.,
AT THE RESIDENCE,
CLAIR, CHURCH-STREET, OFF ALT-STREET, ASHFIELD.

THIS DAY, AT 11 A.M.,
of the whole of the

RECHERCHE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

CUT AND ENGRAVED GLASSWARE,
CHINA,
STERLING SILVER and ELECTROPLATE,
VALUABLE ANTIQUE OAK DINING-ROOM FURNITURE,
EXQUISITE IVORY CARVING.

A SUPERB DINING-ROOM 8-DAY CLOCK, in Carved Oak, with St. Paul Cathedral Chimes.
*** The only one of its kind in Australia.

DRAWING-ROOM FURNITURE.
VERY RARE and CHOICE ORNAMENTS.
CERAMIC and FLORENTINE MARBLE FIGURES.
VALUABLE PIANO BY RONISCH.

A SUPERB COLLECTION OF PRICELESS OIL PAINTINGS and WATER COLOURS.
Purchased at the Sale of the FAMOUS WALLIS COLLECTION in 1885.

MAGNIFICENT BEDROOM SUITE, in Walnut and Hungarian Maple.
The FURNISHINGS of SEVERAL BEDROOMS.
AXMINSTER and BRUSSELS CARPETS.
Kitchen and Laundry Requisites, and Sundries.
SINGER CABINET SEWING MACHINE, with all the latest improvements, in perfect order.

CATALOGUES Now Ready, and will be forwarded on application.

H. Y. NORTON
(Post Office-chambers, Pitt-street) will conduct the Important Sale by Auction, as above, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock a.m.

INSPECTION THIS DAY FROM 9 A.M.

Telephone, 748.

WEDNESDAY, 25th MAY, 1904,

AT 11 O'CLOCK.

FOR POSITIVE SALE BY AUCTION.

AT THE MART, 199 PITT-STREET.

ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE.

UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE INDENTORS.

ON ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED.

40 CASES ENAMELLED HOLLOWWARE,

BLUE AND WHITE,
each Case containing
Deep-bellied Saucepans and Covers
Stewpans and Covers, Frying Pans
Pie Dishes, Colanders, Tea Kettles, Teapots
Dinner Carriers and Workmen's Cans
Candlesticks, Plates, Mugs, Basins
Cups and Saucers, Chambers, Spittoons.

GREAT CLEARANCE
and
UNRESERVED RUMMAGE SALE.

UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM VARIOUS VENDORS

(owing to Removal to our New Premises).

HERRINGS IN TOMATO SAUCE, HADDOCKS, SARDINES, SALT HERRINGS, CURRIED MUTTON, SOUPS, PRESERVED VEGETABLES, LIMEJUICE CORDIAL, SPICES, PRESERVED MEATS, MILK, MACCARONI, TOBACCO LEAF, WINE FININGS, CHLORIDE OF LIME, CALVERT'S CARBOLIC POWDER, MORTADELLA, ANNATO SEED, OIL OF LEMON, PICKLES, CURRY, &c., &c. BICYCLES, GRINDSTONES, ENGINE PACKING, SINKS, SKATES, PRINTING INKS, GUTTERING and GUTTERANGLES, PAINT, SHEEP DIP, CAMP OVENS, GAS BRACKETS and PIPING, WASHING MACHINES, GARDEN UMBRELLAS, PALING FENCING, TWINE, CRINKLED PAPER, FEATHER DUSTERS, WIRE ROPE, PLASTER OF PARIS, BRAZIL WOOD CHIPS, &c., &c.

Under instructions from

DAVID MOSES, Esq., FIRE ADJUSTER,

SALVAGE.

Removed from the Premises of Messrs. M'Donald and Co., Refrigerator Manufacturers, Ultimo.

ICE FREEZING TINS, INSULATING PAPER, OAK BOARDS, &c., &c.

S. H. HARRIS AND COMPANY
have received instructions to SELL as above, at THE MART, 199 PITT-STREET, on WEDNESDAY Next, 25th MAY, at 11 o'clock.

THIS DAY, TUESDAY, 24th MAY, 1904.

AT THE MART, 199 PITT-STREET,
At 12 Noon.

Under instructions from
A. TANGE AND CO.

270 PACKAGES CEYLON TEA.

CYRIL TROWER AND CO.
will Sell the above by Auction.
THIS DAY, TUESDAY, 24th MAY, 1904,

AT THE MART, 199 PITT-STREET,
At 12 o'clock,
Under instructions from
GERBER, MICHAUT, and CO.

512 PACKAGES CEYLON TEA.

CYRIL TROWER AND CO.
will Sell by Auction, the above.

TO MINING SYNDICATES,

PASTORALISTS,

AND MACHINERY MERCHANTS.

THIS DAY, at 11 O'CLOCK.
HIGHLY IMPORTANT UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE OF SURPLUS MACHINERY, ARTESIAN TUBING, STORES, etc, etc.
On the PREMISES lately occupied by the Mines Department, No. 97 George-street West, near M'Lean Bros. and Rigg's Stores, Jones-street, Ultimo.

JAMES COWAN,
acting under instructions from the
PUBLIC SERVICE TENDER BOARD,
will Sell
A CONSIDERABLE PORTION OF DIAMOND DRILL AND ARTESIAN WELL BORING PLANT, MACHINERY, AND STORES, comprising:—
2 10 H.P. Marshall's Portable Engines and Boilers.
1 10-h.p. Marshall's Portable Engine and Boiler.
1 Diamond Rock Drill, Double Cylinder, Buffalo Manufacturing Company Challenge Type.
1 DIAMOND ROCK DRILL, Single Cylinder.
1 Portable Rock Drill, with Boiler complete.
12 Water Boring Augers, Wright and Edwards makers.
15-h.p. Horizontal Tubular Boiler, Dredge Type.
10-h.p. Vertical Boiler.
6-h.p. Vertical Boiler.
4 H.P. Shanks' Vertical Engine and Boiler.
12 Steam Pumps, Blake's and Tangye Type.
7 Sets Horse Gear Works, Single and Double.
30 Tons Artesian Well Boring Tubing and Boring Rods, from 1 7-8 to 7in Diameter, Bulk Lloyd and Lloyd's make.
COPPER CONDENSER, complete.
ANVILS, FORGES, BELLOWS, Scrap Iron.
LARGE ASSORTMENT of Special Drilling Tools, to suit any class of Boring.
SUNDRIES too numerous to mention.
The Auctioneers specially draw the attention of Clients to the above Important Sale.

TERMS, CASH.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

ESTATE ARTHUR ALLISON, of 106 and 143 Wells-street, Redfern, Tobacconist.
MONDAY, MAY 30, AT 11 A.M.,
At 143 and 106 Wells-street, Redfern.
By order of the Official Assignee.

THE WHOLE OF THE STOCK, comprising Stationery, Haberdashery, Confectionery, Cordials, Books, Tobacco, Cigarettes,
2 BAY HORSES.
1 BLACK PONY.
4-WHEEL ENCLOSED TRAVELLER'S WAGGON,
SPRING-CART, SULKY.
3 SETS HARNESS.
Also, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS.

C. F. W. LLOYD will sell by auction as above, Without Reserve. Terms Cash.
THIS DAY.

JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction at his Rooms, 247A Pitt-street, the UNREDEEMED SUNDRIES and JEWELLERY pledged with Mr. WM. SCOTT, of Flinders-street, at 11 o'clock. Sundries, consisting of Electroplated Ware, Cutlery, Field and Opera Glasses, Clocks, Books, Tools, Guns, Revolvers, Musical Instruments, etc. At 2 o'clock—JEWELLERY, consisting of Gold and Silver Lever and Waltham Watches, Single-stone and Half-hoop Diamond Rings, Gold Alberts, Muff Chains, Links, Bangles, Bracelets, etc., Diamond Bangles, Brooches, Earrings, Breast Pins, etc. Dress, Signet, Keeper, and Wedding Rings.

AUCTION SALES.

THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING,
AT 11 SHARP.

BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
AT THE ROOMS,
417 PITT-ST., OPP. PEOPLE'S PALACE,
and NEAR GOULBURN-STREET, HAYMARKET.

E. HEBDEN BRODRIBB
will SELL, WITHOUT RESERVE, the FURNITURE, PIANO, and EFFECTS of a 10-ROOMED HOUSE,
Moved to the Rooms for Unreserved Sale.
Beautiful FOLDING KEYBOARD AUCHER PIANOFORTE.
DRAWING, DINING, BREAKFAST, HALL, SINGLE, ½, and DOUBLE BED ROOM APPOINTMENTS.
Charming Ulric and Plush DRAW. SUITE.
American Duck and Leather DINING SUITE.
ROYAL AXMINSTER SQUARES, 9 x 9, 10 x 12, 14 x 16, 12 x 14.
Walnut Overmantels, Pier Glasses, Pictures.
Extension Dining Table (8 x 4), Cut Glass and Crockeryware, Table Plate, etc.
Sideboards, D. Waggons, and Chiff. S'boards.
Single, ¾, and Double Brass-mounted Bedsteads, complete, with Best Wires and Kapok Sets.
Single and Double Wardrobes and Toilet Pairs.
Toiletware, Combinations, etc.
Large Cedar Bar Screen (4 x 6 feet), Folding and Sliding Door Dressers.
EUREKA ENAM. GAS STOVE, 407, 410.
Linoleum, Couches, Lounges, Showcases.
Cedar Counter, etc., etc.

EVERY LINE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER.
ONLY UNRESERVED GOODS OFFERED.

BRODRIBB and CO., Auctioneers,
Tele., 6908. 417 Pitt-street.

NORTH SYDNEY.

WEDNESDAY, 25th MAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK,

ON THE PREMISES,

WAVENEY, AUBIN-STREET, NEUTRAL BAY,

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS,

THE FURNISHINGS OF A FIVE-ROOMED COTTAGE,

comprising,
Chiffoniere, Dining Table, Austrian Chairs, Combination Chests of Drawers, Bedsteads and Bedding, Gas Stove, Lawn Mower, Garden Tools, Kitchen Utensils, etc., etc.

CLARKE AND SOLOMONS,
AUCTIONEERS, 78 WALKER-STREET, NORTH SYDNEY, have been instructed by the owner, who is leaving the State, to sell as above,
WITHOUT RESERVE.

DARLINGHURST.

TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, AT 10.30 A.M.,
on the Premises,
331 BOURKE-STREET, DARLINGHURST.

MAGNIFICENT FULL UPRIGHT (Large Model) PIANO, in Walnut Case, with Gallery, "Hapsburg."
WALNUT OVERMANTELS, Extending Dining Tables.
MAGNIFICENT WALNUT SIDEBOARD, P.G. Back.
Carpets, Linoleums, Vases, Ornaments, Curtains.
AUSTRIAN and RATTAN FURNITURE.
MASSIVE SOLID WALNUT BEDROOM SUITE.
ASH and WALNUT BEDROOM SUITE.
Wardrobes, Duchesse Pairs, Chests of Drawers.
DOUBLE ITALIAN and HALF-TESTER BEDSTEADS.
Wire Mattresses and Kapok Bedding.
Toiletware, Pictures, Clocks, E.P. Ware.
HOUSEHOLD and LAUNDRY REQUISITES.

BARNARD AND CO.
will SELL by AUCTION as above,

POSITIVELY WITHOUT RESERVE.

Auctioneers' Offices: 74 Castlereagh-street.

TO DEALERS, PARTIES FURNISHING, and OTHERS.

J. T. JONES has received instructions to Sell by Auction, THIS DAY, Tuesday, at 2 o'clock, at 342 Cleveland-street, near Riley-street, New Household Furniture of a 6-roomed house—Single and Double Bedsteads, Bedding and Bed Linen, W'stands and Ware, 2 Couches, Tables, Chairs, Sideboard, Crockery, Cutlery, Dresser, and sundries. No Reserve. Auctioneer's offices, 122 Redfern-street, Redfern.

MITCHELL and CRANSTON will Sell, THIS DAY, at 10.30, at 23 Regent-st, city, Household Furniture and Effects, Ironing Stove, Crimping Irons, Glassware, Crockery, Cutlery, etc., etc., etc.

BATT, RODD, AND PURVES,
LIMITED,
will submit to Public Auction,
at the ROOMS, 88 PITT-STREET,
THIS DAY, TUESDAY, 24th MAY, at 11.30 a.m., the following Properties:—
LIVERPOOL.—A MODERN FARM, 38 acres, within easy distance of the Station. Capital Bungalow Residence of 6 rooms; Irrigation Plant, etc. POSITIVE SALE.
WISEMAN'S FERRY.—Block 100 acres, MAROOTA-ROAD. H. Green's Grant.
BALMAIN.—Nos. 136 and 138 SHORT-STREET, two brick Cottages; rental, £41 12s per annum.
BALMAIN.—Terrace of 5 brick Houses, Nos. 140 to 150 SHORT-STREET; rents, 9s per week, £140 8s per annum.
WATERLOO.—Two brick Cottages, Nos. 118 and 120 WELLINGTON-STREET, each 4 rooms and kitchen.
WATERLOO.—No. 109 WELLINGTON-STREET, two-story House, 4 rooms and kitchen.

UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE MINISTER FOR WORKS.
8 Inspectors' Boxes, Piper-street, Annandale, Domain, and Huntley-street, Alexandria.

FURTHER PARTICULARS can be obtained on application to the Auctioneers,
BATT, RODD, and PURVES, Limited.

ORDER OF SALE
FOR SHARES AND SUNDRY PROPERTIES,
to be OFFERED by PUBLIC AUCTION,
at the ROOMS, 133 PITT-STREET,
TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, MAY 25th, 1904,
at 11.30 a.m.

SHARES CIVIL SERVICE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.
DARLINGHURST.—Residence known as No. 249 Palmer-street. Deceased Estate.
DARLINGHURST.—Residence known as LANSDOWNE, No. 75 Surrey-street.
DARLINGHURST.—Cottage and 2 Houses, Nos. 33, 35, and 37 West-street.
CITY.—Factory Site, fronting Blackburn-street and Elisa-place. Deceased Estate.
BURWOOD.—Family Residence known as MALUA, fronting Park-road.
STRATHFIELD.—Two Semi-detached Houses, ALSASIA and CUZCO, Russell-street.
STRATHFIELD.—Block of Land, fronting Russell-street.
DUBBO.—The Famous WAWONA ORCHARD, with Residence, etc., and all improvements thereon.

HARDIE and GORMAN,
Auctioneers.

ORDER OF SALE.
SHARE and PROPERTIES to be submitted by PUBLIC AUCTION on THURSDAY, 26th MAY,
at 11.30 a.m., by
HUGH DUFF and CO., AT THEIR SALE ROOMS,
283 GEORGE-STREET.

SHARE.—1 CIVIL SERVICE CO-OPERATIVE SHARE.
CITY.—OXFORD-ST, opp. MARSHALL'S BREWERY, 4 BRICK SHOPS, with Dwellings of 5 rooms, kitchen, etc. Also, in BOUNDARY-ST (at rear), 2 COTTAGES, each 3 rooms, kitchen, etc. RETURNS £260 PER ANNUM.
CHATSWOOD.—Cor. VICTORIA-AV. and NERIDAH-ST. TARELLA, A CHARMING BRICK COTTAGE RESIDENCE, slate roof, VERANDAH on 2 SIDES, and contains HALL, DRAWING, DINING, and BREAKFAST ROOMS, 4 BEDROOMS, kitchen, pantry, bathroom, laundry, fixed tubs, and copper. The LAND, 66ft to VICTORIA-AV., by depth along NERIDAH-STREET of 168ft. Gas, water, and sewer.
CHATSWOOD (Positive Sale).—HERCULES-ST, METHLEIGH, BRICK COTTAGE, slate roof, verandah front and rear, hall, 6 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, pantry, laundry, Land 36 x 100, Fowl run, etc. Connected with sewer.
HORNSBY.—ON CROWN OF HILL 3 MINUTES FROM STATION.—ALLANDALE, Brick Cottage, 8ft verandah front and rear, glassed in, wide hall, 5 rooms, kitchen, bathroom and washhouse, pantry, etc. Land 50 x 165. Garden and fruit trees, wood shed, and fowl yard.
TURRAMURRA, opp. Station.—66ft FRONTAGE to WILLIAM-STREET, by a depth of 220 and 275.11 Torrens.
WAITARA.—SUPERB RESIDENTIAL SITE, CLOSE TO RAILWAY STATION, Frontages of 270ft to LEONARD-ST, 234 to ROMSEY-ROAD, and 432ft along the Railway line (about 1 acre). On the Land is a 4-roomed W.B. COTTAGE.
INGLEBURN.—Convenient to 2 Stations, BLOCK of 35 acres, fenced, and nearly all cleared, adjoining Milton Park.
NORTHWOOD (Positive Sale).—GRAND RESIDENTIAL SITE, views of River from three sides, 110ft frontage to Northwood-road x 274ft depth on one side and 280ft on other. Title, Torrens.

Full particulars from the Auctioneers,
HUGH DUFF and CO.,
283 George-street.

For Continuation see Index to Advertisements.

EDUCATIONAL.

CAMPBELLTOWN-CAMDEN GRAMMAR SCHOOL, A HOME for your BOY; a first-class EDUCATION.

COAL, FIREWOOD, &c.

AT the North Shore Gas Works COKE, large or broken, per ton 9s 4d, per bag 8d.

NEITHER clinker nor ash connected with Pelaw-Main Coal. Lockley Bros.' Wf., Druitt-st. T., 1875.

THE COMING OF THE KING.

BY JOSEPH HOCKING.

[ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.]

CHAPTER XXIII.—Continued.

When we had travelled a few miles, however, we were less closely watched. The constables talked with each other, now and then passing a jest, and again telling of the fine times they hoped to have when they reached London. Indeed, I saw that while they took care there was no chance of escape, they paid less and less heed.

Therefore, as I had opportunity, I drew my horse so close to hers that my right foot almost touched her riding habit.

"I trust I have done naught to offend you," I said, looking into her face.

But she did not reply for several moments, but rather turned away her head from me.

"When you speak to me, look straight on," she said.

I saw the wisdom of her words, for although the guard was more lax than when we left Bedford I knew that watchful eyes were constantly upon us. I therefore obeyed her, and waited for her answer.

"How can I be offended, when you have tried to be my friend?" she asked. "But did you not tell me that you spoke the French tongue?"

"Yes," I replied in that language. "I do not speak freely, but perhaps enough to make you understand."

"Then speak to me in that tongue. You can understand now why I could tell you nothing when we first met."

"Yes," I replied, "I understand. It has made me very happy."

She gave me a searching glance. It was only for a moment she looked, but I felt the beat of my heart quicken.

"There is much that you do not know—cannot know."

"I know enough to make me very happy," I repeated. "Almost ever since I saw you first I have felt a great burden upon my heart. Now it is gone."

"You believed I was guilty of—of—" here she stammered, and seemed at a loss how to finish her sentence, but I noticed the bitterness of her voice.

"No," I interrupted eagerly, "never for one moment."

I thought her eyes grew softer, for I could not help looking at her as I spoke.

"Why, then, have you been made happy?"

"Because I know you are not the wife of that man."

The blood mounted to her cheeks, and the moment I saw this I turned away my head.

"You have been very good to try and help me," she said, "but it does not avail, it will not avail."

"I have done nothing," I replied, "nothing to what I would do if I could."

"Yes, you have done much. You have helped me to save my sister."

"Unconsciously," I replied, "I knew nothing of her. If I had known I should not have cared. It was only you I wanted to help."

"It does not matter about me. She must be saved, whatever may happen. I will see to that."

"Then you do not fear what the King may do?"

"No, I do not fear. But do not speak again, the men are beginning to watch us."

I pretended to be examining Black Ben's saddle, and to attend to one of the buckles which kept up the left stirrup.

"What's the matter, Master Rashcliffe?" said one of the guards.

"Hath someone been meddling with my stirrups?" I asked. "They seem too short."

"They can be seen to when we stop at midday for food," he replied.

After that we rode on for another mile without speaking.

"I think I shall have some favour with the King," I said presently. "If so, you will soon be free."

"Perchance you will be free, but not I," she replied.

"If I am free, you shall be free," I made answer.

"No."

"Why?"

"Because the King's prisons will be guarded too closely. London gaols are not like Bedford Gaol."

"But why should you be put in a London gaol? You have done nothing."

"No; but then I shall tell nothing."

"Ah," I said, catching at her meaning. "Then you know where your sister is?"

I spoke the French tongue and in a low voice, but she looked around nervously, and although she gave me no answer I knew I had surmised the truth.

"Do not expect the worst," I said, "God lives."

"Yes, God lives, and I do not fear. Let the King do his worst."

"He may not suspect."

"But he will. When it is told him that I have—have done these things for my sister's sake, he will ask me if I know where she is."

"And you will not tell?"

"I shall not tell where she is. Then he will make me bear her punishment."

"No, I will save you."

Again she looked at me searchingly, and I thought I saw a glad light leap into her eyes. After that she gave a quick glance round, as if to be sure that no one listened.

"No, you cannot save me. I am my father's daughter. Even now I am told that the King is planning a terrible vengeance on those who took part in his father's death."

"I will save you," I said quietly and confidently. "Do not fear. Whatever happens, do not fear. It may be that I shall not be able to do this in a day, or in a year, although I think I shall, but I will do it."

"Why should you do it?"

"Because I love you."

I saw her start in her saddle, while her hand clutched her bridle rein nervously.

"That was why I was made so happy when I knew you had not married that man. I loved you even while I thought you were his wife. I fought against it because I thought it was a sin. But I could not help it. It never came to me until the other night, when I saw them taking you to prison. I loved you before then, although I did not know it. But I knew it then. I was glad when they left me alone in prison, because I could think of you. I did not sleep all the night. My heart was aching with love, all the more because I thought it was sinful, but I could not help loving you. Whatever happens now, I shall love you till I die."

"No, no."

"Yes. I know you do not care for me; but I have my joy, the joy of loving."

"But you must not—it is wrong."

"Why is it wrong?"

"Because it is foolishness. I have taken another burden—I may speak of it now. I have taken it willingly—gladly, but the burden means a curse to the one who bears it."

"Then I will try and bear some of the curse. Nay, do not deny me this. I must, whether I will or not. Nothing you may say or do will alter me. I shall love you until I die. Besides, I am going to save you."

She did not say a word to this, but looked straight on. We were passing through rich loamy lands. All around the trees were in the glory of their summer garb, while the birds sang lustily from tree branch and from hazel twig, but I do not think she either saw or heard.

(To be continued.)

TWO CORRECTIONS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I would feel greatly obliged if you would allow me to correct two errors in your issue of this morning.

Mr. Waddell, in his speech at Woodstock, is made to say:—"Mr. O'Sullivan had shown that, whilst £5,500,000 had been expended in the metropolis, the country had benefited to the extent of £7,500,000." There is evidently a mistake here. As shown in a letter of mine in the same issue as this report, I have only spent £9,500,000 altogether, including both loan and revenue money. Only about two millions of that amount has been spent in the metropolitan area, and fully seven and a half millions in the country districts. That statement knocks the bottom out of the bold assertion by Mr. Carruthers that we have neglected the country districts. When I first read the Treasurer's speech, I really thought it was a report of an address by some member of the Opposition.

In my jocular remarks at the school meeting on Sunday I did not propose to borrow money from his Eminence Cardinal Moran. He has quite enough to do with the funds at his command. What I facetiously suggested was to "raise a loan here," meaning the meeting in Redfern, where I had just seen £370 subscribed in less than 20 minutes.

I am, etc.,
E. W. O'SULLIVAN.

[The State Treasurer explained yesterday that possibly he did say that £9,500,000 had been expended "in the metropolis." What he intended saying was that that amount of money had been expended by Mr. O'Sullivan, of which £7,500,000 alone were expended outside of the metropolis. In using the words "in the metropolis" he had unfortunately made a mistake. Mr. O'Sullivan was therefore quite right in making the correction.]

SLEEP FOR SKIN-TORTURED BABIES and rest for tired mothers in a warm bath with Cuticura Soap, and a single anointing with Cuticura, the great skin cure and purest of emollients, to be followed in severe cases by mild doses of Cuticura Resolvent Pills, to cool and cleanse the blood. This is the purest, sweetest, most speedy, permanent, and economical treatment for burning, bleeding, scaly, crusted, and pimply skin and scalp humours ever compounded, and is sure to succeed when all else fails.—Advt.

WAUGH'S BAKING POWDER obtained the only first-class award of highest degree of merit. Waugh's Baking Powder the Best.—Advt.

BUILDINGS AND WORKS.

NEW ENTERPRISES.

THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

Lady Northcote will, on Thursday next, lay the foundation stone of the new Children's Hospital, which is to be built upon a site of six acres of land situated on the Pyrmont Bridge-road, Camperdown, formerly the residence and grounds of the late Hon. John Lucas. The land has considerable elevation, and slopes at the rear. It commands extensive views. In the building accommodation will at present be provided for 120 beds, but when the whole scheme is complete the number will have increased to 180. It will be the largest hospital of the kind in Australia, and will take the place of the old building, which is altogether inadequate for the demands made upon it. The blocks comprising the new hospital have been so arranged as to secure perfect isolation and freedom of air between the buildings. In many respects the plan is similar to the arrangements at the Royal Prince Alfred and other large and up-to-date hospitals. The design is to be carried out in simple brick treatment of the eighteenth century style. The hospital will cover a very large portion of the site. In the centre of the main frontage will be the administrative block. In this building the necessary receiving and management offices will be provided for on the ground floor, while accommodation for four resident doctors and the honorary medical staff will be found on the first floor. From each end of the administrative block there will be wings extending to the main corridor. The western wing will have accommodation for a dispensary, operating rooms, X Rays apartment, and quarters for the honorary surgical staff. The eastern wing will be utilised for kitchens, stores, medical officers, dining-room, and servants' dining-room. From the receiving and examination rooms a corridor will connect with a special pavilion containing two wards of eight beds each, on the ground and also first floors, with separate conveniences for each ward. From the same point another corridor will lead to the main corridor running east and west across the site, and giving access to the three principal pavilions. Of these three, the centre pavilion will be utilised as the surgical wards. There will be 16 beds on each floor. They will be in close proximity to the operating rooms previously mentioned. This pavilion will contain also special wards of four and two beds. The pavilion on the western side is to be the medical wards. It will be also a building of two stories, and will have provision for 18 beds on each floor, and one separation room of two beds. The pavilion on the eastern side, which it is not proposed to build at present, will be a medical block of three stories due to the levels of the site. Each of the wards in this block will contain 18 beds, as in the other pavilions. On the extreme western limit the main corridor will extend to the pathological and laundry blocks. On the eastern corner of the site the nurses' home forms a separate building, with accommodation for a matron, four sisters, and 38 nurses, also 10 servants. The spacious sitting and dining rooms on the eastern side of the home command the tennis court. The whole of the pavilions will be provided with 10ft balconies, running the full length of the wards. There will also be a large day-room attached to each pavilion. The isolation block is at the lower level, and is designed in accordance with the new regulations of the Board of Health, which require temporary provision only for patients in three separate small wards. In every respect the architects, Messrs. Kent and Budden, have imparted to the design the latest and most improved ideas in hospital management, combining a maximum of comfort and facilities for controlling a large institution with a minimum expenditure.

GENERAL NOTES.

Among the tenders received yesterday afternoon by the Public Works Department were eight prices for erecting a school-house and teacher's residence at Norfolk Island. The lowest tender was that of Mr. James G. Taylor at £1379. The buildings are to be erected for the Imperial Government under the direction of Mr. Vernon, the State Government Architect. The school-house will be of rusticated weatherboard, and not even lined on the inside. It will comprise a schoolroom 56ft x 24ft and two classrooms, with hat and coat lobbies at each end. There will be a triple fireplace in the centre of the building. The accommodation is for 160 children. The teacher's cottage will be of the bungalow style, and will contain 5 rooms, kitchen, laundry, bathroom, and outoffices.

The new offices for the Police and Prisons Department at the corner of Hunter and Phillip streets, which were commenced by day labour, but had been at a standstill for months past, are to be proceeded with, but only as far as building the basement story is concerned. Last week the Minister for Works accepted the tender of Messrs. Baldwin Brothers to carry out this work at £839. If the erecting of this building is to be carried out in stages it will take a long time to complete.

Last week a tender was accepted for completing the docks for lowering statuary, etc, at the National Art Gallery.

The Roman Catholic monastery now being built at Redfern—the foundation stone of which was laid by Cardinal Moran on Sunday afternoon last—will be carried out in the domestic Gothic style of architecture. It will be a brick building, tuckpointed, with stone dressings and slate roofs. It will comprise two stories. On the ground floor there will be a handsome entrance hall, reception-room, community and reading rooms, study, and library. The first floor will contain large and well-finished oratory and six bedrooms and bathroom. Special attention has been paid to lighting and ventilation. The building will be lighted with electricity from the Redfern electric station. The interior of the building, with the exception of the oratory, will be finished quite plainly. The work is being carried out by Mr. T. Maloney from plans prepared by Mr. James Nangle, F.I.A., architect. The cost of the building will be £1300.

Plans are being prepared by Messrs. Robertson and Marks, architects, for a large residence at Darling Point.

In the office of Messrs. Nixon and Adam, architects, plans are in course of preparation for a residence at Bellevue-hill, also for alterations and additions to business premises, Park-street, and for the erection of two churches in country districts.

To-morrow the Gundagai Hospital will be opened by the State Treasurer. The building has been completed under the supervision of the architects, Messrs. Nixon and Adam, at a cost of £3400.

Plans are in course of preparation by Mr. Alfred Allen, architect, for a villa at Woollahra, also for business premises in Sussex-street, a cottage at Annandale, and first-class hotels at Cowra and Young.

From plans prepared by Mr. M'Carthy, architect, of North Sydney, large shops and offices are to be erected on the Circular Quay, at the corner of Alfred and Arbitration streets. The buildings will have a frontage to the quay, and will almost adjoin the Paragon Hotel.

Additions are to be made to St. Mark's Church, Ermington. The work will be carried out under the direction of Messrs. Rowe and Spain, architects.

Mr. Charles A. Harding, architect, announces in our business columns that quantities for the Burwood Courthouse have been prepared by him, and are now available to builders.

It is proposed to erect a first-class hotel at Point Clare, the much-frequented fishing grounds, near Gosford. Mr. Shute, architect, has prepared plans for an up-to-date building.

The Municipality of Casino, on the Richmond River, has decided to light the town with the Kelson lighting system. The council is now calling for tenders from persons competent to manage the lamps, supply the oil, etc.

It has been decided to erect a school of arts building at Woolahra. Tenders for carrying out the work close on the 31st instant with the secretary, Mr. A. G. Greentree, at Woolahra.

Plans have been prepared by Messrs. Sheerin and Hennessy, architects, for the erection of a convent at Nowra. Tenders are returnable on June 1.

The Sydney Harbour Trust are calling for tenders for the supply and delivery of hewn ironbark girders and sawn hardwood for the new jetty at Howard Smith's wharf, Darling Harbour.

Tenders are being called in all the Australian States for additional plant for the electric light station of the Boulder Municipality, in Western Australia.

The Subiaco Municipality, in Western Australia, has decided to borrow £5750 at 4½ per cent. for the purpose of road construction.

TENDERS ACCEPTED.

During last week tenders were accepted for the following works:—

BY ARCHITECTS.

Mosman.—Erection of a villa residence. Mr. Alfred Allen, architect; Mr. S. Box, contractor.

Watson's Bay.—Erection of a villa residence. Mr. Alfred Allen, architect; Mr. A. Slingsby, contractor.

Brewarrina.—Alterations to the Bank of New South Wales. Mr. Alfred Allen, architect; Mr. S. Box, contractor.

Manly.—Erection of three residences. Mr. Cooper Day, architect; Mr. P. Thornton, contractor.

Alexandria.—Erection of a shop. Mr. D. T. Morrow, architect; Mr. W. Olliffe, contractor.

Chatswood.—Additions to a residence. Messrs. Slatyer and Cosh, architects; Mr. F. Lemm, contractor.

City.—Repairs, etc., Gardeners' Arms Hotel. Messrs. Robertson and Marks, architects; G. Mabow and Co., contractors.

Balmain.—Erection of two cottages. Mr. R. Lount, architect; Mr. L. Robinson, contractor.

Darling Point.—Fencing, works, etc., at Mona. Mr. Burcham Clamp, architect; Mr. F. J. White, contractor.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Beecroft.—Classroom, Mr. W. Culverwell, £136 12s. Clatsbury.—New building, Mr. S. Turnbull, £78 14s. Emu.—Improvements, Mr. H. Baglee, £54 14s. Ingalba.—New school building, Mr. W. J. Gorman, £124 10s. Kincumber.—New school building, Mr. A. Davis, £267 17s 7d. Little River.—New school building, Mr. G. Klien, £79 10s. Mortlake.—Improvements, Mr. D. Zoeller, £165. Mullengandra.—New teacher's residence, Mr. E. W. Sharp, £294 10s. Rookwood.—Additions to residence, Mr. John Devitt, £372 10s. Rhondda.—New school building, Mr. J. P. Tyler, £395. Sawyers' Creek.—New school building, Mr. F. W. Tonks, £62 6s.

BY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Road Works, Revelle depot, the Kiama Road Metal Company, Ltd., Sydney, £1750.

Government Architect's Works.—Erection and completion of basement, new Public offices for Police and Prisons Department, Hunter and Phillip streets, Sydney, Messrs. Baldwin Brothers, Sydney, £839. Completion of docks for lowering statuary, etc., at the National Art Gallery, Sydney, Messrs. Loveridge and Hudson, Sydney, £115. Repairing the multitubular boiler at the Quarantine Station, North Head, Mr. A. R. Williams, Newtown, £59. Erecting target-shed and carrying out repairs to rifle range, Sailor Bay, North Sydney, Mr. J. A. Bailey, Willoughby, £19 10s. Painting and repairs to lockup at Gerringong, Mr. George Gilliam, Berry, £38. Supply and fixing cast iron main pipes with galvanised iron services, taps, etc., in Botanic Gardens, Sydney, Mr. William Sims, Waverley, £51.

Railway Construction Works.—Supply and delivery of asphaltum, bitumen, and mineral oil, etc., for Central Railway Station, Sydney, the Federal Val-de-Travers Asphalte Company, Sydney, £553 10s.

TENDERS RECEIVED.

Tenders for the following works were opened by the Tender Board of the Public Works Department yesterday afternoon:—

Erection of court-room in connection with lockup at Nerrigundah, 1 tender, Messrs. Hocking Brothers, £198 lowest. Erection of school buildings and teacher's cottage, Norfolk Island, 8 tenders, Mr. Jas. G. Taylor, £1379, lowest. Construction of a jetty at Cam's, Lake Macquarie, near Catherine Hill Bay, 4 tenders, Mr. J. J. Clynch, £232 1s 6d, lowest.

NEW CONTRACTS.

During the week the following additional contracts were announced in our business columns:—

BY ARCHITECTS.

North Sydney.—Erection of two cottages. Mr. Ernest A. Scott, architect, Pitt-street.

Mosman.—Erection of fibrous plaster ceilings to a house; also, painting, etc., to shops. Mr. G. L. Grant, C.E., architect, Castlereagh-street.

Mosman.—Erection of a cottage residence in Calypso-avenue. Mr. Chas. H. J. Dibbs, architect, Hunter-street.

Surry Hills.—Painting and repairs to an hotel, Flinders and Hill streets. Mr. James Campbell, architect, Newtown.

Tumut.—Erection of a butter factory at the Tumut railway station. Plans with the secretary of the Tumut Butter Company at Tumut.

City.—Improvements to Mutual Life Assurance Society's premises, George-street. Messrs. Rowe and Spain, architects, Pitt-street.

City.—Additions and alterations to three shops, Bathurst-street. Mr. T. W. Hodgson, architect, Moore-street.

Cottage Villa.—Carrying out woodwork of a cottage villa. Mr. C. R. Summerhayes, architect, Castlereagh-street.

Watson's Bay.—Painting, etc., to two houses in Gap-street. Mr. F. Moorhouse, architect, Pitt-street.

Nowra.—Erection of a convent. Messrs. Sheerin and Hennessy, architects, Pitt-street.

Ermington.—Additions to St. Mark's Church. Messrs. Rowe and Spain, architects, Pitt-street.

Newtown.—Erection of a weatherboard shop. Mr. James Campbell, architect, Newtown.

Gosford.—Erection of a first-class hotel at Point Clare, near Gosford. Mr. R. Shute, architect, Elizabeth-street.

Circular Quay.—Erection of shops and offices. Mr. J. T. M'Carthy, architect, North Sydney.

Newtown.—Erection of eight shops and dwellings, King-street. Mr. D. T. Morrow, architect, Newtown.

Leichhardt.—Additions to a cottage, Excelsior-street, Mr. E. R. Halloran, architect, Strand Arcade.

Randwick.—Sewerage work to two cottages. Mr. D. T. Morrow, architect, Newtown.

MISCELLANEOUS WORKS.

Botany.—Erection of a weatherboard cottage. Plans at 14 Bruce-street, Stanmore.

North Sydney.—Painting and other repairs to premises, Mount-street. Specifications with the Master in Lunacy, Chancery-square.

Woolahra.—Erection of a school of arts building. Tenders close May 31 with the local secretary.

Chatswood.—Erection of 50 rod of fencing. Address tenders to Waratah, Herald Office.

WEEKLY TENDER MEMORANDA.

Builders are notified that tenders close this week as under for the following works in architects' offices, as announced in our business columns:—

To-day.—From architect, tenders will be received by secretary of Kyogle Co-operative Dairy Company, to draw plans and specifications for a butter factory at Kyogle. Erection of two cottages, North Sydney, with Mr. Ernest A. Scott, architect, Pitt-street.

Wednesday, May 25.—Erection of shop and residence at Gordon, with Mr. A. Kethel, architect. Erection of a residence, Kirribilli Point, with Mr. Durrell, architect.

Thursday, May 26.—Erection of Presbyterian Church, Albion and Crown streets, Surry Hills, with Mr. A. Kethel, architect.

Saturday, May 28.—Addition to shops, Bathurst-street, city, with Mr. Hodgson, architect.

THE CATCHMENT AREA.

REPORT BY DR. KENDALL.

Dr. T. M. Kendall, medical adviser to the Water and Sewerage Board, has furnished a report to the board dealing with his inspection of the catchment area. The work was commenced on the 16th ult, and was concluded on the 6th inst. The area inspected comprised 23,332 acres, and it carried a population of 1027 people and 6495 animals.

"When we consider," says Dr. Kendall, "the number of resumed areas on the Sherbrooke portion, and the fact that many of them have been abandoned, the large increase of population as compared with last year cannot be viewed without anxiety. The danger arising from the presence of human beings and their dwellings on any area of catchment is very considerable, as through them there is great opportunity for pollution of neighbouring streams. As no amount of dilution will altogether prevent the multiplication of disease germs in water, the amount of purification taking place in running water after a few miles of flow is comparatively limited as far as the disappearance of disease germs is concerned. If a germ of disease were introduced into any stream there is always a chance of the same infecting persons miles away.

"Last year the number of animals on the area was very greatly increased, through the presence of starving stock. This year, however, only shows a decrease of 996, and when compared with 1902, there was an increase of 688. The mere presence of any animals on a catchment area of water supply is a menace to the purity of the water derived from such a catchment. When it is noted how easily the animals have access to the streams, wade in them in an indiscriminate manner, and at times are found lying dead in them, it will be seen how the danger of pollution is almost doubled, and that any communicable disease from which domestic animals suffer may be passed on to the inhabitants of a city. Seeing how impossible it is in all cases to prevent animals having access to the streams, there are cogent reasons why the whole surface of the area should be vested in and owned by the board. It cannot be too forcibly impressed on any authority that as long as there is a single hoof on any catchment area so long will the purity of the supply be continually menaced."

In conclusion, Dr. Kendall states that, although much had been done in the way of achieving cleanliness on the watershed, to prevent all possibility of pollution it was the imperative duty of the board to have full control over the watershed, to divert and stop up all public roads, clear away all human dwellings, and all animal life, and to prevent decaying vegetable matter being carried into the water supply during times of flood.

Dealing with the question of mining on the area, the report states:—"It is most unfortunate that so much valuable coal should be beneath the surface of the area, especially at the northern and north-eastern portions. Possibly with careful provision for adequate cover and substantial pillars for support, subsidence may not be feared, but it must be remembered that even with 1200ft of cover the surface has been known to subside. Provided no villages are created, and no coal is actually raised through the surface of the area, pollution will not occur. The waters delivered from mines are very polluting, and mines in England have been closed, by law, because of the pollution of neighbouring waters, through colliery wastes."

PURITY OF THE WATER SUPPLY.

A minute has been written by Dr. Kendall to the Water and Sewerage Board, in regard to the analyses of the waters of Goondarrin Creek, in the vicinity of the Keira air shaft. Three samples were taken. The first was from the creek before it reached the shaft, the second from water as it was raised from the shaft, and a third from the creek after it had received the water from the shaft.

The report stated that the analyses of the samples showed that the water raised from the shaft was highly impure, and that although when it mingled with the creek water it became purified to about 96 per cent., still it was 85 per cent. less pure than the natural waters of the creek. Possibly, and very probably, this had not any evil effect on the water supply of Sydney, but if this occurrence was to be regarded in the light of a precedent, it would require only a few of such workings to vitiate the water supply. The pollution at the creek would not possibly affect a strong constitution. The board, however, had to consider the weak, and the actual susceptibility of every individual to disease must never be lost sight of.

THE SUBURBS.

RANDWICK.

COLLECTION OF RATES.

The matter of getting in arrears of rates outstanding has engaged the close attention of the office staff of the Randwick Council for some time. In his report for the past year, the clerk stated that the rates due at the end of the municipal year amounted to £2980 2s 1d, made up as follows:—West Ward, £220 1s 7d; Middle Ward, £279 3s 6d; Coogee Ward, £382 0s 4d; and South Ward, £1108 16s 8d.

In the year 1899 the arrears amounted to £9262, the sum had been reduced to £2961 8s 7d in 1902, and £2569 11s 11d in 1903.

LILLY.—Meet me Quay, Thursday, 7 o'clock. Will bring tins of Mackintosh's Toffee.
ALICK.—Advt.

DON'T LOOK OLD.
With advancing years greyness increases. Stop it with Lockyer's Sulphur Hair Restorer, which darkens to the former colour and preserves the appearance. Lockyer's Restorer is made in England only.—Advt.

ROYAL PRINCE ALFRED HOSPITAL.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital was held on Friday last, when there were present:—Sir James Fairfax (acting chairman), who presided, Sir Normand MacLaurin, M.D., M.L.C., Mr. H. E. Kater, M.L.C., Senator A. J. Gould, Mr. James Inglis, Dr. F. A. Pockley, Sir James Graham, M.D., and Messrs. John Keep, J. P. M'Arthur, and H. S. Levy.

The report on the work of the institution for the month of April showed that 255 patients had been admitted, of whom 43 were accident and non-paying cases, 138 were admitted on Government orders, and 74 contributed towards the cost of their maintenance. During the same period 136 patients had been discharged cured, 30 relieved, and 18 unrelieved, while 24 had died, leaving 237 patients in the hospital at the end of the month; 32 patients had been transferred to the Carrington Hospital. The whole of the 238 beds available had been filled during the month, that number having been occupied on the average throughout. A total of 164 operations had been performed.

The board received a report from the Agent-General, and from the committee appointed in London to select a matron, which comprised Dr. G. Schorstein and Miss Rosalind Paget, with the chairman of the hospital (Professor Anderson Stuart), to the effect that, from a large number of candidates from Great Britain, Canada, and America, Miss Mabel Newill had been unanimously selected. Miss Newill had been very highly recommended, and the committee of selection had expressed the opinion that she was in every way suited for the position. It was reported that the new matron would proceed to Australia via America, where she would spend a month in the inspection of hospitals and the investigation of hospital methods in the U.S.A. and Canada, reaching Sydney about the middle of July. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Agent-General, Miss Paget, and Dr. Schorstein for their valuable assistance.

Mr. H. E. Kater, M.L.C., was unanimously reappointed to the position of hon. treasurer for the current year.

A new bylaw having been passed, to the effect that each member of the board of directors should serve on the house committee in turn, a roster providing for each member to act for a period of six months during the current year was adopted, under which the following gentlemen would form the first committee:—Professor Anderson Stuart (chairman), Mr. H. E. Kater (hon. treasurer), Sir James Fairfax, Sir James Graham, and Messrs. J. Russell French, J. P. M'Arthur, and H. S. Levy, with Dr. F. A. Pockley.

The question of obtaining improved local organisation for the purpose of securing increased financial assistance in the districts surrounding the hospital was discussed, and the secretary reported having received very satisfactory promises of assistance from most of the Mayors of the districts affected. It was agreed that the Mayors of the surrounding municipal districts be invited to meet the board of directors in conference, on a date to be fixed, and that the house committee be asked to formulate a scheme for submission to the conference.

A letter was received from Mr. W. H. Flavelle, conveying a further instalment of £200, on account of the bequest of the late Mr. Adam Guy Flavelle, and it was resolved that Mr. W. H. Flavelle be appointed a life governor of the institution.

Letters having been received from the Acting Premier (Hon. B. R. Wise) and the Women's Progressive Association of N.S.W., advocating the necessity for increased accommodation for infants, it was resolved that special consideration be given to the matter when the beds shall be allotted in the new Queen Victoria Memorial Pavilions, upon their completion.

CITY COUNCIL AFFAIRS.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

A progress report from Mr. Rooke, the resident electrical engineer, was read at a meeting of the electric lighting committee of the City Council yesterday afternoon. He stated that good progress was being made with the work of laying the cables. Regarding the replacement of pavements, he said that there were undoubtedly footways in the city under which no electric light cables had been laid, and that were as uneven and broken as any of the pavements reinstated by the electric light department. In replacing a number of the flagstones, some of which were 6in thick and very uneven on the surface, a good deal of damage had been caused, on account of the cement joists, and it was impossible to take up these without flushing a considerable number, and possibly cracking one here and there. A small percentage of good flags had been broken, but he did not think the number was excessive, considering the nature of the work. He had not been able to obtain any new material to put down in place of the broken flags. The report also stated that a number of additional inquiries had been received for the supply of the light, and the prospects of a good demand continued to improve.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHTING STAFF.
REPORT BY THE TOWN CLERK.

Mr. Nesbitt, the town clerk, submitted a report to a meeting of the electric lighting committee yesterday afternoon, dealing with the professional, mechanical, and clerical staffs which will be necessary in connection with the electric lighting scheme. He was inclined to the view that all appointments carrying a salary of £156 per annum and upwards should be treated as staff appointments, which should be made by the City Council, on the recommendation of the committee charged with the control of the department. The staff which the resident electrical engineer considered necessary to meet requirements numbered 48. The town clerk recommended the following appointments, with the salaries to be allotted to each for the first year:—

City electrical engineer, £700; chief assistant engineer, £300; first senior assistant engineer, £200; second senior assistant engineer, £175; two junior assistant engineers at £150 each, £300; four engine-drivers at £156 each, £624; four switchboard attendants at £93 12s each, £374 8s; two stokers at £130 each, £260; one stoker at £124 16s; three engine-room improvers at £93 12s each, £280 16s; three trimmers at £109 4s each, £327 12s; one senior sub-station attendant, £169; one senior sub-station attendant, £156; four sub-station attendants at £124 16s each, £499 4s; one mains foreman, £156; one motor electrician, £156; two meter readers, each £109 4s, £218 8s; one foreman lamp trimmer, £156; five lamp trimmers each £93 12s, £468; one lamplighter, £109 4s; shorthand writer and typist, £78; storekeeper, £110; five apprentices at £20 each, £100; one labourer, £109 4s. Making a total of £6151 12s.

The appointment of the chief electrical engineer was, after discussion, allowed to stand over, while the salary of the chief assistant engineer was increased to £400. With these exceptions, the report was recommended to the council for adoption.

RIFLE SHOOTING

COOMA, Monday.

A rifle match between Cooma and Central Tilba Rifle clubs took place on Saturday, resulting in an easy victory for Cooma. Each team fired on its own range. Though the weather was unfavourable some excellent scores were made. Scores:—Cooma: A. Mawson, 500yds 31 points, 600yds 31, total 62; James Summerell, 34, 27—61; E. W. Evans, 29, 31—60; Jacob Feilen, 31, 29—60; John Feilen, 29, 30—59; N. Norris, 32, 27—59; F. Gunning, 27, 26—53; R. Willmott, 26, 25—51. Average for two absentees, 59 each. Total, 581 points. Central Tilba: Total, 487.

The Loss of a Park.—Mr. C. S. Allen writes protesting against the proposed subdivision and sale of land in the vicinity of the new Central railway station. He asks what compensation have the people for the loss of Belmore Park? And why should not the area that is left be dedicated as New Belmore Park? The correspondent thinks that if the land must be disposed of, it should be leased for 99 years.

YES OR NO?

SYDNEY PEOPLE ARE RESPECTFULLY ASKED TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS.

Is there anything in the evidence of one's senses?

Is there anything in the testimony of one's friends?

Can reliance be placed on statements from people we know?

Are the opinions of local citizens of any greater moment than those of strangers?

Would you sooner believe people living in some far-away place than citizens of your own city?

We think not, for home proof can easily be investigated.

Mrs. Kate Helmka, 27 Ada-street, Ultimo, this city, says:—"About thirteen years ago I contracted a cold, which flew to the small of my back, and seemed to affect my kidneys. My back was real lame, and when cold weather set in the pain used to be dreadful. When I worked the sewing machine my back ached more than ever, and I could never stay at it for any length of time. Having a large family to sew for made it very hard for me. I heard about Doan's Backache Kidney Pills, and obtained a supply. Relief came almost immediately I started to use them, and now my cure is perfect. I am pleased to recommend these pills to all kidney sufferers."

The above statement was made some time ago. Mrs. Helmka now states:—"Although it is a year or more ago since I recommended Doan's Backache Kidney Pills, I still have the same good opinion of this medicine. It is a splendid remedy for weak and aching backs and disordered kidneys. I've had no return of my trouble. I have recommended these pills to many people, and shall always be pleased to do so."

Beware of imitations. There is nothing "just as good" as the remedy which cured Mrs. Helmka—Doan's Backache Kidney Pills. They are sold by all chemists and storekeepers at 2s 9d per box (six boxes 15s 3d), or will be posted on receipt of price by Foster-McClellan Co., 76 Pitt-street, Sydney.

But be sure they are DOAN'S.—Advt.

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ON THE LAND.

STOCK AND STATION.

THE PASTURES PROTECTION ACT.

AGITATION BY THE BOARDS.

The Pastures Protection Boards are gradually combining with the intention of having the stupid legislation under which they are constituted changed to something rational. Their case is another instance of the inexplicable carelessness of country members in connection with measures of supreme importance to the rural industries. Apparently the country members sitting behind a government swallow whole any crude faddish bill that a Minister may introduce. Possibly the inclusion of clauses which bestow upon Minister and members unwarrantable opportunities for exercising political patronage may explain why such measures as the Pastures Protection Act and the incorporated Rabbit Act become law. The boards are now protesting against the clauses which provide that the Minister shall appoint the principal officers and fix the salaries of those officers. They are also agitating for a fixed subsidy to carry on the destruction of rabbits on Crown lands. The Acts which have rendered this agitation necessary slipped through Parliament very easily. We cannot find that any body of country members threatened to turn the Government out of office when such preposterous legislation was introduced. There were a few protests from Government supporters, but in the long run they followed the lead like sheep going through a drafting race. It may take years to undo the mischief thus caused. Government and Opposition are so busy with the political game of ins and outs and individual members have to spend such a large proportion of their time on Ministerial doormats that the vital interests of the producers must wait indefinitely. The circumstances certainly demand that country members on both sides of the House should combine to promptly secure the required amendments. The successful working of legislation controlling such matters as those under the Pastures Protection Act and the Rabbit Act depends almost entirely upon the co-operation of the people interested. Make what provisions it may, Parliament cannot so enforce such laws by means of penalties as to ensure success. The people must be in thorough sympathy with the authorities in the matter, so that a majority will endeavour to observe the spirit of the law without compulsion or threat. To provide that the people shall supply the revenues for the boards and the right to appoint officers and fix salaries shall be held by the Minister is perhaps the most effective means of causing friction and opposition that could have been devised. Again, landholders may be careless and neglectful of their duty in respect to the destruction of rabbits, but an Act which compels them to destroy and gives no guarantee that unoccupied Crown lands will be attended to is calculated to make them more indifferent still. The unoccupied Crown lands and reserves form breeding grounds sufficient to supply the whole State with rabbits, and the most conscientious of landholders may well give the task up in despair when as fast as he kills the enemy off reinforcements arrive from the nearest Crown lands. The Rabbit Act is so devised that such subsidies as are allowed are granted at the discretion of the Minister, so that in this respect the Act is an auxiliary of the wretched system through which country people are made the suppliants of the ruling Administration. Undoubtedly the whole matter should be stripped of the political humbug of these measures. The State should undertake its duty towards the people by providing subsidy for keeping rabbits in check on its own lands, and having done that should insist that simultaneous and continuous destruction should be carried on by landholders. We have been playing with the rabbit question for years past. It is time that country members secured the introduction of a system under which all concerned would be encouraged to work together, and all those who neglected their duty would be very severely dealt with.

THE FRUIT FLY.

The Minister for Agriculture has received a communication from the secretary of the Department of Agriculture in Victoria to the effect that, with a view to preventing the introduction of the fruit fly into that State, it has been decided that in future, when the presence of the pest is discovered in any portion of a consignment of fruit, the whole consignment shall be rejected. Mr. Campbell, the Director of Agriculture, in referring to this communication yesterday, pointed out that the insect in question attacked all kinds of fruits, but preferred the soft varieties, such as peaches and bananas. The prevalence of the fly in New South Wales, he added, was largely due to the carelessness of orchardists in allowing fruit to lie on the ground in a rotten state. The insect lays its eggs in the fruit on the tree, and when the fruit falls to the ground and is allowed to lie there the maggot eats its way out and enters the earth, where it pupates. This, in Mr. Campbell's opinion, is another instance of the necessity for legislation to compel orchardists to keep their orchards clean. The action of the Victorian department, he considers, will have a beneficial effect, inasmuch as it will impose upon exporters the duty of paying stricter attention to their consignments of fruit. In the same way the action of the New South Wales department in refusing to allow diseased fruit to enter this State has had the effect of bringing about a general improvement in the quality of fruit imported here from other parts.

OUR MILK SUPPLY.

Mr. A. H. Collett, secretary of the Metropolitan and Suburban Dairymen's Association, writes:—In Mr. Sparks' reply under the above heading to the Board of Health on the 17th instant, he states that many dairies were not up to the standard of the Board of Health as regards cleanliness in the production of their milk; also that the milk left the premises with microbes of disease in it. Seeing that the Metropolitan and Suburban Dairymen's Association were the only local producers and suppliers mentioned in the article he replied to, the inference would naturally be drawn that they were the people to whom he referred. On behalf of the association I am instructed by the executive committee to take exception to the remarks, and wish to state that independent of the strict supervision held over the trade by the Board of Health, we, as an association, are prepared to guarantee to the public that any milk produced by the members of the above association will be under cleanly conditions and from a healthy class of cattle, and can always be relied upon for the infant life of our city and suburbs.

BORACIC ACID IN MILK.

Mr. J. Laker Macmillan writes:—

The primary feature of what in your issue of the 16th inst is denominated the "adverse criticism of Dr. Thompson" is that he, as the mouthpiece of a presumably scientific body, cites in vindication of his own and, inferentially, his colleagues' views, a resolution from the Metropolitan and Suburban Dairymen's Association. In the "Herald" of the 12th inst. I drew attention to what he also, and apparently with eagerness, claimed as a further confirmation of the position taken up by the Board of Health in this matter, viz., a recent decision of the Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland. It is perhaps necessary to repeat this to enable the public to become seized of the kind of corroboration considered sufficient by the Board of Health of this State in academic disputes. Most of Dr. Thompson's adverse criticism is similarly based, and what is not so based is not novel, nor is it convincing. It is of importance, however, to call attention to an error formerly promulgated by the board, and repeated parrot-like by Dr. W. G. Armstrong and others. Having passed for a long time uncontradicted, this error is again ostentatiously trotted out, and set forth as the strong point by Dr. Thompson in his adverse criticism, and is again given currency by Dr. Armstrong with somewhat more than former emphasis.

"The addition of boric acid to milk," says Dr. Thompson, "delays souring, but does not prevent the development of putrefactive bacteria; consequently the addition to it of boric acid really facilitates the consumption of decomposed milk (fatal to infants), because it prevents the natural danger signal (itself quite harmless) from appearing." Now, the danger signal of putridity is known to most of us, and has been wide felt lately through the number of rats chased from the wharfs into the city to die, but is particularly known to politicians, who have a more than casual knowledge of the odour of ancient eggs. To claim that the odour is masked or concealed by the presence of boric acid is not only preposterous, but is in direct stultification of Dr. Thompson's own premiss, that boric acid does not prevent the development of putrefactive bacteria, for if we have not the evidences of putrefaction under such conditions there can be none. If the presence of boric acid prevents the "natural danger signal" of putrescence from appearing, clearly it prevents putrescence, or, properly speaking, retards such. We have only to call to mind our experience of putrid eggs, putrid fish, and putrid rats to understand that concealment is difficult; indeed, the signs predominate generally over the strongest deodorants employed to cover such. Irrespective of this, however, those possessed of more than rudimentary knowledge of the subject can positively assert that to retard the souring of milk—by whatever means—is also to check the development of putrefactive bacteria. In other words, milk, generally speaking, becomes sour before putrefactive bacteria assert themselves, or wake up, and this very sourness—that is, the sourness caused by lactic fermentation—is in itself a check to succeeding inimical ferments. Sometimes, but not often, putrefaction takes the place of lactic fermentation, but then the evil signs are apparent, the milk becoming almost as offensive to the senses as the atmosphere surrounding a putrid bubonic rat. The presence of boracic acid in such instances might for a time prevent this change, but would not conceal it—as Drs. Thompson, Tidswell, and Armstrong aver—nor would it in any way facilitate the consumption of decomposed milk.

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.

"Liberal" writes as follows on the above subject:—The idea of the State providing a course of agricultural education in connection with our public schools is of far-reaching importance. No matter how we look at the question it is brimful of promise. This is an age when the latest scientific methods in all branches of industry will not only enable the people to live well, but to compete with the producers of any country in the world.

The higher general standard of education to-day tends to unsettle many of our young people. The old-fashioned methods of production from the soil seem unattractive. Numbers come to the city for a more exciting life than is furnished by the country. This tendency is of an undesirable kind. For the average man the free, open life of the country is better than that of the town. It produces better men. Let us make the country life more attractive. Education that merely unsettles people by cultivating their mental faculties without supplying knowledge that will assist them in winning a livelihood from the land fails in its object. Half the stuff an ordinary boy learns at school is of no service in after life. A little knowledge of scientific principles in cultivation in its many branches would be of permanent value. Cultivation on scientific lines would supply the stimulus of interest in the work which our present educational methods arouse but do not satisfy.

This is a country which must depend upon great exporting industries. Take wheat-growing. In a wheat-growing district the general principles of wheat cultivation should form an important feature of the instruction provided by the State. It must not be confined to mere theories. The practical application of them is essential. Cultivation is often weary drudgery. Here and there we meet men of more than ordinary ability who overcome all obstacles. They are pointed out in special articles as examples to imitate. The writers of such articles and the readers also usually overlook the fact that general success in agriculture depends upon facilities which enable the man of average ability to produce enough to satisfy his needs. If our young men in the country were better equipped at school with the necessary technical instruction and provided with fair opportunities to get sufficient land on which to make a comfortable living when old enough to take care of themselves, there would be less inclination to seek jobs on tramways and in the Public Service generally. To have a healthy State the average returns from intelligent production from the soil should exceed the average earnings in the Public Service. The education of our rising generation ought to have that end steadily in view. The statement of the objects that agricultural education should possess applies with equal force to dairying, pastoral, and mining districts. The election is coming on, and people generally can effectively put forward a claim for the extension of technical education for the great primary industries in this country. The man who wins his livelihood from the raw forces of nature is of more value to the State than the man who looks to a paternal Government to find him a job.

MYSTERIOUS SHEEP DISEASE.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

The Director of Agriculture has been furnished by the Agricultural Department with a report on a disease that is at present prevailing in sheep in different parts of the State. In one instance 36 per cent. of a flock, which practically consisted of ewes, perished, and the symptoms and appearances of certain organs very much resembled those found in deaths form anthrax.

THE CROPS.

ARMIDALE.—During last week high temperatures prevailed, but on Sunday night a nice rain fell, continuing on Monday. It will do a considerable amount of good in assisting ploughing and sowing operations, and giving a further impetus to grass for winter feed.

COOMA.—The rain of Sunday is welcomed by farmers especially, some of whom had found it impossible to commence ploughing owing to the hardness of the ground.

GRENFELL.—The rain that fell on Sunday will enable farmers to proceed with ploughing and sowing. They had not been able to do anything in that direction owing to the long continued dry weather.

GULGONG.—The rain that fell on Sunday will enable farmers to restart ploughing.

POLICE COURTS.

BREACHES OF THE FISHERIES ACT.

At the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. G. H. Smithers, S.M., a number of amateur fishermen appeared to answer informations laid by George Glading, an inspector under the Fisheries Act, alleging that they, in various parts of the harbour, had in their possession fish of a weight less than that prescribed by regulation.

John Boyd, Gordon Perry, Harry Bostock, William Brennan, and Robert Smith were each fined 5s and costs. It was stated that they were fishing off Little Manly Point, and were found to have in their possession 97 red bream under the weight of 6oz.

Edgar Rice, Thomas Tidswell, Frederick Fox, William Troller, Angelo Lachiavo, Angelina Lachiavo, John Wybowski, Frederick Jonsson, A. W. Standen, G. H. Pattison, and George Dwyer were each fined 10s and costs for having in their possession underweight fish.

Andrew Derwent and Thomas Douglas were fined each 10s and costs for consigning for sale fish under the weight prescribed by regulation.

In the Summons Division of the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. G. H. Smithers, S.M., George Glading, an inspector under the Fisheries Act, proceeded against James M'Dougal and Thomas Stiddle upon an information alleging that on April 8 they hauled a net in closed waters. Both defendants pleaded guilty. It was mentioned that the defendants were catching prawns, which they stated they required for bait, with a net of five fathoms and 100 meshes. Each defendant was fined £1, with costs amounting to 4s 4d, or, in default, seven days' imprisonment.

ALLEGED CHINESE GAMING-HOUSE.

Twelve Europeans and three Chinamen who were arrested in an alleged gaming-house in Castlereagh-street on Sunday night were brought before the Central Police Court yesterday. George Lee Sue was charged with acting as the keeper of a common gaming-house, and also with acting as banker. Tong Gow and Tong Jong were charged with acting as doorkeeper and croupier respectively. The Europeans were charged with being found in the house without lawful excuse. The accused, who pleaded not guilty, were remanded until Friday next.

HUNTING.

SYDNEY HUNT CLUB.

The Sydney Hunt Club opened the season on Saturday, when the hounds met at Ryde. The weather being favourable, a goodly number attended. The throw-off took place about 3 p.m. close to Ryde township, and the hounds ran in a direct line to Eastwood, where a check of 15 minutes was called. A line was then laid over the new steeplechase course on Mr. Terry's property at Eastwood, but the hounds did not take well to the circular track, and stopped when they came to Eastwood House. Some good jumping was witnessed, and a few harmless spills occurred. Mr. and Mrs. Terry hospitably entertained the visitors.

Among those out were Mr. G. Terry (master) on Splasher, Mrs. O'Callaghan and Miss Edwards on hacks, Miss Heydon on a black, Miss Fox on a stout grey, Mrs. Lucky also on a grey, Baron von Hoenning O'Carroll on a grey, Mr. G. M. Merivale on Kildare, Mr. D. G. Peole on Quondong, Mr. J. M. Dunlop on Trooper, Mr. M. O'Callaghan on Mercadool, Mr. T. H. Bailey on a brown, Mr. J. Fitzsimmons on Dick Turpin, Mr. L. Simpson on Dalgarno, Mr. H. Bartlett on Exchange, Mr. Hibbert on Skylark (who was having his maiden run with hounds), and Mr. J. Anslow on a chestnut.

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BOXING.

NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB, Ltd.

At the National Sporting Club Hall to-night, Casey and Andrews are billed to box the best of 20 rounds. Both men have trained hard, and being evenly matched an exciting contest should be witnessed. Jones and Raff will supply the 10-round preliminary. Full particulars are advertised.

COUGHS AND BRONCHITIS.
Angier's Emulsion is positively without equal for coughs, bronchitis, and all lung affections. It soothes the lungs, and cures obstinate coughs. At the same time it promotes appetite, aids digestion, and builds up strength. 1s 3d, 2s 9d, and 4s 6d.—Advt.
SAY, EAT GRAINUS PORRIDGE FOOD. LAMB'S LINOLEUM CREAM polishes tan boots.—Advt.

SPORTING.

THE TURF.

Mr. J. A. Buckland, of Pine Ridge, in the Mudgee district, has purchased a cottage and stables, opposite Payten's, from T. Neiricker, and has installed his trainer, P. Murray, therein with six horses, comprising Zenda, Mohair, Loando, Narrangerie (by Voyou), a four-year-old gelding by Jeweller, and a two-year-old half-brother to Zenda, by Auratus. Mr. Buckland breeds thoroughbreds as well as trotters at Pine Ridge, and as he races for sport, with horses of his own breeding, he is a decided acquisition to the ranks of metropolitan horse owners.

At Randwick yesterday Coal King, with G. Phillips in the saddle, and Teamster, who was ridden by T. Grimes, were schooled twice over the steeplechase course, and jumped a dozen fences cleverly. Of the pair, the jumping of Coal King was the more attractive, and he showed more pace than his mate on the flat.

The following leases have been effected by Messrs. H. Chisholm and Co., on behalf of Mr. H. C. White, Havilah:—Blk c Kelp, 3yrs, by Gossoon (imp)—Pearlshell, to Mr. L. H. Nathan, Brisbane; b c, 1yr, by Skopas (imp)—Carberra, to Mr. John Mayo; blk c, by Lochiel (imp)—Fulminate, 1yr, to Mr. W. H. Mate; and Mimer (imp), 3yrs, by Mimic—Flowerdale, to Mr. A. Knox. On behalf of Mr. A. W. Thompson: b c, 1yr, by Grafton (imp)—Conundrum, to Mr. J. W. Noud. On behalf of Mr. W. Thompson: Br f, 1yr, by Dorchester—La Vivandiere, to Mr. J. T. Suna. On behalf of Mr. W. S. Sutton: Br f Query, 3yrs, by Grafton (imp)—Conundrum, to Mr. S. Fielder. On behalf of Mr. A. G. de Laurel: B g Arrego, 6yrs, by Corythus—Indi, to Mr. R. Nolan.

The following scratchings were recorded yesterday, in connection with the Rosehill Racing Club's meeting on Saturday next:—Apprentices' Handicap: Cornwell, Withan (ineligible), and Curassow (ineligible). Steeplechase: Commissioner. Northcote Stakes: High Life (informal).

Trainers' and jockeys' tickets, and tickets for stalls, in connection with the forthcoming meeting of the Rosebery Park Racing Club, will be issued by the secretary (Mr. J. Denmeade) up to 4 p.m. on Friday next.

For suspicious practices in the Thirteen-three Handicap, at Rosebery Park yesterday, the bay mare Missfire, and her trainer, G. Sixsmith, were disqualified for six months, and J. Dalton, the jockey, was suspended for a similar period. In connection with the Fourteen-two Handicap, J. O'Donnell, the rider of Index, was disqualified for six months. For being late at the post, with The Novice, who ran third in the Fourteen-two Handicap, her owner was fined £1.

In this issue is published the programme of the Kensington Club's pony and galloway meeting, to be held on June 1. Entries are due with the secretary (Mr. Henningham) on Friday next.

In connection with the A.J.C. Prince of Wales Birthday meeting the nominations received yesterday totalled 193—99 for the first day's racing and 94 for the second.

A correspondent writes to warn frequenters of the pony racecourses to be on their guard against pickpockets, who are very active just now.

ROSEBERY PARK RACING CLUB.

The Rosebery Park races yesterday were well attended. The following are the results:—

Fourteen-three Handicap, 4f.—The Masher, 7st 8lb (Cartwright), 1; Portrait, 8st 4lb (Wagner), 2; Bernice, 7st 6lb (Bromley), 3. Other starters: Kitty Sharp, Ennismore, Ikey. Betting: 2 to 1 v Ennismore, 3 to 1 v Portrait, 7 to 2 v The Masher and Bernice, 10 to 1 v others. Won by two lengths. Time, 52½s.

Fourteen-one Handicap, 4½f.—Stella, 8st 10lb (Connell), 1; Mulette, 7st 4lb (M'Donald), 2; Blackthorn, 9st 4lb (M'Mahon), 3. Other starter: King Edward. Betting: 5 to 4 on Blackthorn, 10 to 9 v Stella, 10 to 1 each v others. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m 1½s.

Thirteen-three Handicap, 4f.—Merrie Minnie, 8st 7lb (Wagner), 1; Little Clarrie, 7st 12lb (Moy), 2; Gip, 7st 7lb (Pennington), 3. Other starters: Eblana, Missfire, Bluewing, Zephyr, Jealousy, Wafey, Ringtail. Betting: 7 to 4 v Merrie Minnie, 5 to 2 v Eblana, 6 to 1 each v others. Won by a length. Time, 54s.

Trial Welter Handicap, 4f.—First heat: Osculant, 8st 7lb (Evans), 1; Royalist, 9st (Fraser), 2. Other starters: J.O., Special Wire, Swallow, First Aid, Siren. Betting: 5 to 4 v Osculant, 3 to 1 v First Aid, 4 to 1 each v J.O. and Royalist, 6 to 1 each v others. Won by three lengths. Time, 53s. Second heat: My Lady, 8st (Pennington), 1; Lady Bell, 8st 2lb (Williams), 2. Other starters: Ferntree, Royal, Aurania, Wild Rose. Betting: Even money on Lady Bell, 2 to 1 v Royal, 6 to 1 each v others. Won by half a length. Time, 53½s. My Lady was withdrawn, and Osculant declared the winner.

Fourteen-two Handicap, 6½f.—Jewellery, 7st 5lb (M'Mahon), 1; Index, 7st 2lb (O'Donnell), 2; The Novice, 7st 4lb (Pennington), 3. Other starters: Vibrona, Venture, Barbara. Betting: 6 to 4 v Index, 6 to 4 v Jewellery, 6 to 1 each v others. Won by a length. Time, 1m 31½s.

Rosebery Park Handicap.—Belle Cole, 8st 4lb (Evans), 1; Magnet, 7st (M'Mahon), 2; Jessie Agnes, 7st (Price), 3. Other starter: Muscat. Betting: 2 to 1 on Belle Cole, 5 to 2 v Jessie Agnes, 6 to 1 v Magnet, 10 to 1 each v others. Won by a neck. Time, 1m 40s.

UPPER MANNING JOCKEY CLUB.

TAREE, Monday.

The Upper Manning Jockey Club held a race meeting on Saturday last on the Taree course. The attendance was fair, and the weather fine. The fields were fairly large, and the racing was very good. The only thing to mar the sport occurred in the last race. After getting well away, Jack fell, and his rider (Doyle) had an arm and a leg fractured, besides sustaining a severe scalp wound. Results:—

Trial Stakes.—Borneo, 1; Peer Ray, 2; Ruby, 3.

Scurry.—Young Playboy, 1; Jersey, 2; The Count, 3.

Members' Purse.—Scientist, 1; Guardsman, 2; Maelstrom, 3.

Upper Manning Jockey Club Handicap.—Guardsman, 1; Florrie, 2; Wooribee, 3.

Hacks' Handicap.—The Count, 1; Young Playboy, 2; Corset, 3.

Shorts Handicap.—Zulu Chief, 1; Borneo, 2; Ruby, 3.

KENSINGTON RACING CLUB.

The following weights have been declared in connection with the Kensington Racing Club's meeting to be held to-morrow:—

Fifteen Hands Handicap, 4½f.—Freelance, 9st 2lb; Veronica, 8st 13lb; Jim Cooper, 8st 7lb; Kola, 8st 6lb; Bismarck, 8st 6lb; Sea Bird, 8st 4lb; Scotch Pebble, 8st; Dunlem, 7st 10lb; Pivot, 7st 7lb; Federation, 7st 5lb; Clumsy, 7st.

Fourteen-one Handicap, 5f.—Stella, 9st 5lb; Indiana, 9st; Maggie Trent, 8st 4lb; Annoyance, 8st 4lb; Pablo Franco, 8st; Zana, 7st 7lb; Dolly, 7st 4lb; Miss Oracle, 7st.

Trial Stakes, 5f.—Abundance, 9st; Ennismore, 8st 7lb; Cardinal, 8st 2lb; Mervella, 8st; Maid of Erin, 7st 12lb; Amazon, 7st 12lb; Le Var, 7st 12lb; J. O., 7st 12lb; Camon, 7st 7lb.

Fourteen Hands Handicap, 4½f.—Miss Chetwynd, 9st 1lb; Waitress, 8st; Goldboy, 7st 12lb; Chatterbox, 7st 12lb; Almont, 7st 12lb; Cooee, 7st 12lb; Circus Girl, 7st 12lb; Dad, 7st 12lb; Picotee, 7st 11lb; Little Fellow, 7st 10lb; Ladybird, 7st 8lb; Little Joe, 7st 8lb; Selina, 7st 8lb; Tamar, 7st 6lb; Gordon, 7st 6lb; Lady Merriment, 7st; Magnetic, 7st.

Fourteen-two Handicap, 4½f.—Pearl Mash, 10st 8lb; Kilmeny, 8st 8lb; Sunrise, 8st; Treacle, 7st 10lb; Robin, 7st 8lb; Afternoon, 7st; Lady Blaize, 7st.

Kensington Handicap, 6f.—Our State, 9st 8lb; Nat Gould, 9st 11lb; Freelance, 9st 11lb; Bismarck, 8st 6lb; Rattler, 8st 8lb; The Martin, 8st 3lb; Sea Bird, 8st 3lb; Freedom, 7st 12lb; Magnet, 7st; Pegar, 7st; Rosebay, 7st; Angelo, 7st.

ROSEHILL RACING CLUB.

The following weights have been declared for the Rosehill races on Saturday next:—

Apprentices' Handicap, 1m.—Neglect, 9st 5lb; Withan, 8st 12lb; Proceed, 8st 3lb; Cornwell, 8st; Bernie's Notion, 7st 7lb; Florine, 7st 7lb; Bono, 7st 7lb; Grumble, 7st 7lb; Parting Glass, 7st 7lb; W.F., 7st 7lb; Nicely, 7st 7lb.

Steeplechase, 2½m.—Mite, 11st 12lb; Snowstorm, 11st 2lb; Grafter, 10st 7lb; Commissioner, 10st 7lb; Driscoll, 10st 2lb; Illusion, 9st 10lb; Toonga, 9st 6lb; Burnima, 9st; Teamster, 9st; Blacktracker, 9st; Coal King, 9st; Kowtow, 9st; Skylark, 9st; Sateen, 9st; Belltopper, 9st; Hathi, 9st.

Northcote Stakes, 6f.—Palmist, 9st 5lb; Camira, 8st 8lb; Dan O'Connell, 8st 8lb; Graceton, 8st; Ninyas, 7st 12lb; Calford, 7st 12lb; Kensington, 7st 12lb; Orry, 7st 10lb; Grandby, 7st 7lb; Chimer, 7st 7lb; Turquoise, 7st 4lb; Rustile, 7st 2lb; High Life, 6st 7lb; Mura, 6st 7lb; Wee M'Gregor, 6st 7lb; Admission, 6st 7lb; Lelamine, 6st 7lb.

Flying Welter Handicap, 6f.—Yannawa, 9st 10lb; Bar One, 9st 10lb; Lord Clieve, 9st 10lb; Grandby, 9st 7lb; Withan, 9st 2lb; Rustile, 9st 2lb; Gowrie, 8st 10lb; Havannah, 8st 10lb; Shenandoah, 8st 10lb; Sway, 8st 10lb; Ben Bolt, 8st 8lb; Bright Star, 8st 8lb; Loch Hunter, 8st 8lb; Midshipman, 8st 8lb; Perfect, 8st 8lb; Idalake, 8st 8lb; Sunderland, 8st 7lb; Nymphia, 8st 7lb; Erica, 8st 7lb; Budden, 8st 7lb; Grateful, 8st 7lb; Rodgerigar, 8st 7lb; Metis, 8st 7lb; Arizona, 8st 7lb; Orange, 8st 7lb; Lady Agnes, 8st 7lb; Trendle, 8st 7lb; Haphazard, 8st 7lb.

Rosehill Handicap, 1m 3f.—Faithful, 9st 5lb; Speculum, 7st 12lb; Barindi, 7st 10lb; Westvil, 7st 6lb; Curassow, 7st 2lb; Sasin, 7st; Cordon, 6st 7lb; La Hogue, 6st 7lb; Crisis, 6st 7lb.

Parramatta Mile.—Calford, 9st 5lb; Kensington, 9st 5lb; Capriform, 9st 3lb; Cordon, 9st; Dunure, 9st; Swop, 8st 8lb; St. Simmer, 8st 6lb; My Mate, 8st 2lb; Curlew, 8st 2lb; Perfect, 8st; Idalake, 8st.

V.R.C. PRINCE OF WALES BIRTHDAY MEETING.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

Subjoined are the weights for the principal events of the V.R.C. Prince of Wales Birthday Meeting:—

Royal Handicap, 6f.—Wingaroon, 9st 4lb; Latchkey, 9st 4lb; Bonnie Chiel, 9st; Loyal, 9st; Kilfus, 8st 12lb; Merriang, 8st 7lb; Dandalla, 8st 6lb; Purser, 8st 6lb; Yum Yum, 8st 4lb; Deucalion, 8st 5lb; Boabdil, 7st 12lb; Sunset, 7st 10lb; Sherman, 7st 10lb; Dangal, 7st 9lb; Rustaff, 7st 8lb; Sans Peur, 7st 6lb; Manlock, 7st 4lb; Circlet, 7st 4lb; Connedoon, 7st 2lb; Vesperus, 7st; Tisiphone, 7st; Royal Oak, 6st 12lb; Unknown, 6st 12lb; Mollusc, 6st 9lb; Nanango, 6st 7lb; Tribune, 6st 7lb; Isa, 6st 7lb; Red and White, 6st 7lb.

Birthday Handicap, 1¼m.—Sport Royal, 9st 6lb; Wingaroon, 9st; MacDonovan, 8st 9lb; Proceedor, 8st 7lb; Dandalla, 8st; Scot Free, 8st; Elderslie, 7st 13lb; Pilable, 7st 13lb; Billali, 7st 11lb; Chassepot, 7st 9lb; Floria, 7st 2lb; Sans Peur, 7st 1lb; Sweep Clean, 7st; Quo Vadis, 6st 12lb; Viator, 6st 9lb; Courtesy, 6st 7lb; Prospector, 6st 7lb; The Gaiety Girl, 6st 7lb.

ADELAIDE RACING CLUB.

BIRTHDAY MEETING.

ADELAIDE, Monday.

The following acceptances were lodged to-day for the A.R.C. Birthday meeting:—

FIRST DAY, MAY 28.

Victoria Park Hurdle, about 2½m.—Austerlitz, 11st 2lb; Sarusail, 11st; Herd Laddie, 10st 10lb; Little Jack, 9st; Flying Column, 9st; Bombastes, 9st; Ben Hur, 9st; Nichola, 9st.

City Handicap, 7f.—Bonnie Chiel, 9st 7lb; Chatter, 8st 8lb; Fortune Teller, 8st 8lb; Chassepot, 8st 5lb; Enigma, 8st 4lb; Verres, 8st 2lb; Royal Artillery, 7st 12lb; Bandolier, 7st 12lb; Antilles, 7st 12lb; Phaedra, 7st 11lb; Footmark, 7st 7lb; Magda, 7st 3lb; Bedford, 7st 3lb; Discussion, 7st 3lb; Equality, 7st 2lb; Rifler, 7st 2lb; Nita Carlyon, 6st 12lb; The Miner, 6st 11lb; Caerleon, 6st 9lb; Pibroch, 6st 7lb.

Kensington Steeplechase, about 2m.—Leiroo, 10st 4lb; India, 10st 3lb; Express, 10st 3lb; Supple Jack, 10st 2lb; Convoy, 10st; Mermaid, 9st; Cromwell, 10st; Tattoo, 9st 10lb; Coronator, 9st.

Adelaide Stakes, 7f.—Position, 9st 5lb; Ganymedes, 9st; Thor, 8st 2lb; Fiction, 7st 10lb; Masaniello, 7st 10lb; Urgent, 7st; Bronse, 6st 12lb; Silver Queen, 6st 7lb.

SECOND DAY, JUNE 4.

Birthday Cup, 1¼m.—Combat, 9st 4lb; Sojourner, 9st 2lb; Bonnie Chiel, 9st; Avalon, 8st 5lb; Bright Pilgrim, 7st 11lb; Fairyland, 7st 11lb; Bandolier, 7st 10lb; Seaport, 7st 7lb; Royal Artillery, 7st 5lb; Antilles, 7st 5lb; Magda, 6st 13lb; Bedford, 6st 13lb; Discussion, 6st 12lb; Rifler, 6st 12lb.

THIRD DAY, JUNE 6.

Victoria Park Steeplechase, about 3m.—Isis, 12st 10lb; The Actor, 11st 4lb; Hornpipe, 10st 5lb; Leiroo, 10st 2lb; Express, 10st; The Sheik, 9st 12lb Cromwell, 9st 12lb Convoy, 9st 12lb; C.U.L., 9st 9lb; Burlaway, 9st; Try Again, 9st.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB.

PRINCE OF WALES' BIRTHDAY MEETING.

The following entries were received yesterday for the above meeting:—

FIRST DAY.

First Hurdle Race, 2m.—Illusion, Driscoll, Mite, Galtee Boy, P.D.Q., Merry Jest, Kow Tow, Bugler, Again (late Encore), Toonga, Roodoch, Antique, Curlew, Grafnell.

Novice Handicap, 1m.—Mimer (imp.), Selum, Cornwell (late Ike), Orange (late Richmond), Florine, Proceed, Mudgee, T.S., Parting Glass, Squander (late Ben Bolt), Smart, Great Heart, Manitoba, St. Simmer, Nimrod, The Irish Horse, Nunchester, Athol King, Stornaway, Margaro, Neglect, Curlew, Sunderland, Bono, Haphazard, Bernie's Notion.

First Steeplechase, 2½m.—Illusion, Skylark, Dalgarno, Driscoll, Hathi, Grafter, Rise Up, Teamster, Burnima, Coal King, Pippo, Sateen, Black Tracker.

Princess May Stakes, 6f.—The Palmist, Myall, Mimer (imp.), Famous, Chimer, La Valetta, Camira, Dan O'Connell, Regio, Withan, Jim Dorset, Felicita, Refuge Bay, Haloya, Ibex, Lord Clieve, Sasin, Shenandoah (late New Chum), Orry, Ninyas, Rustile, Yannawa, Calford, Scotch Thistle, Kensington, Gowrie, High Life.

Ellesmere Handicap, 1¼m.—Lady Laura, Praleen, Electra, Westvil, Barindi, The Relic, Crisis, Sir Leonard, Refuge Bay, Faithful, Curassow, Graft, Cordon, Sasin, Caragcen, Ninyas, La Hogue, Graceton, Speculum.

SECOND DAY.

Second Hurdle Race 2½m.—Illusion, Driscoll, Mite, P.D.Q., Bugler, Again (late Encore), Roodoch, Antique, Neglect, Curlew.

Nursery Handicap, 6f.—Flora M'Donald, br g by Fucile—Toro, Heracles, Aragon, Vanadium, Noreen, Bon Soir, Arizona, Birida, Lelamina, Maga, Larola, Lady Agnes.

Second Steeplechase, 3m.—Illusion, Skylark, Dalgarno, Driscoll, Hathi, Rise Up, Grafter, Teamster, Burnima, Coal King, Sateen, Grafnell, Blacktracker.

Prince of Wales' Stakes, 1m 3f.—Lady Laura, Praleen, Lamrock, Electra, Westvil, Peerlike, La Valetta, Barindi, T.S., The Relic, Regio, Great Heart, Manitoba, Sir Leonard, Felicita, Refuge Bay, Faithful, Nothos, Curassow, Graft, Cairagcen, Margaro, Ninyas, La Hogue, Graceton, Speculum.

Exeter Handicap, 1m.—Myall, Mimer (imp.), Praleen, Selum, My Mate, Westvil, Sway, Metes, Zenda, Camira, Parting Glass, Crisis, Withan, St. Simmer, Incision, Nunchester, Forest Light, Stornaway (imp.), Graft, Cordon, Spero, Shenandoah (late New Chum), Orry, Capriform, Byton, Neglect, Calford, Curlew, Kensington, Gowrie, Perfect, Graceton.

N.S.W. TROTTING CLUB.

The following nominations have been received by the N.S.W. Trotting Club for its meeting to be held on Tuesday next, 31st inst:—

Opening Handicap, 1m.—Dawn (late Becky Sharp), Juliette, Jacko (late Nimblefoot), Hilda, The Member, Mummell Boy, Thurlow, Velox, Valentine.

Maiden Handicap, 1m.—Eva, Bill Bailey, Steel, J. B., Dowie, Havelock (late Cordite), M. H. R., Molly H., Sweet Nell, Dorothy, Ruby, Britannia, Revenue, Glendon.

Pony Handicap, 1m.—Stewart, Olive, Mitty H., Princess Dolly, Silver Girl, Wicket, Lill, Almeda, Pilgrim, Madge, Pup.

Trotting Club Handicap, 2.45 class, 1m.—Bushman, Boss (late Jack), Legbreak, Shamrock II., Olive, Dangar, I Rebel, Cymro, Jessie, Havelock (late Cordite), Juniba, Victor, Nigger, Miss Trixie, Jersey.

Kensington Handicap, 1¼m.—Dawn (late Becky Sharp), Juliette, Boss (late Jack), Joe, Shamrock II., The Member, Cymro, Velox, Valentine.

LAWN TENNIS.

INTERCLUB MATCHES.

The following are the results of Saturday's matches:—

CLASS A.

Strathfield v Kurring-gai.

F. Kelynack and Latreille v Ridge and Ridge, 6-4, 6-2.
F. Kelynack and Latreille v Sayers and Bunting, 6-4, 6-1.
M. Mackenzie and Lawson v Ridge and Ridge, 6-3, 5-6.
M. Mackenzie and Lawson v Sayers and Bunting, 6-3, 6-2.
Won by Strathfield by 7 sets 47 games to 1 set 25 games.

University v Sydney No. 3.

Pitt and Griffiths v Duguid and Rice, 6-4, 1-6.
Pitt and Griffiths v Wickham and Fox, 5-6, 3-6.
Sharp and Pockley v Wickham and Fox, 6-0, 6-0.
Sharp and Pockley v Duguid and Rice, 5-6, 6-1.
Won by University by 4 sets 35 games to 4 sets 29 games.

Sydney No. 2 v Chatswood.

Carr and Reading v Dr. Clarke and Sloman, 6-3, 4-6.
Carr and Reading v Deane and Moodie, 6-5, 6-3.
Doust and Jones v Dr. Clarke and Sloman, 3-6, 4-6.
Doust and Jones v Deane and Moodie, 6-5, 6-3.
Won by Sydney No. 2 by 5 sets 41 games to 3 sets 37 games.

CLASS B.

Stanmore No. 1 v Kerribree No. 2.

J. Ewing and Charlton v Berry and Artlett, 6-2, 6-2.
J. Ewing and Charlton v Smith and Mitchell, 6-3, 6-3.
S. Druce and Salier v Berry and Artlett, 6-2, 6-3.
S. Druce and Salier v Smith and Mitchell, 6-5, 5-6.
Won by Stanmore No. 1 by 7 sets 47 games to 1 set 26 games.

University v Mosman.

Waddell and Roberts v Radford and Rolton, 6-3, 6-5.
Waddell and Roberts v Tidswell and Robinson, 6-2, 6-5.
Jones and Burnell v Tidswell and Robinson, 6-3, 6-3.
Jones and Burnell v Radford and Rolton, 6-5, 6-5.
Won by University by 8 sets 48 games to no sets 33 games.

Wahgunyah v Strathfield.

T. Hicks and A. Hicks v Docker and Chapman, 3-6, 5-6.
T. Hicks and A. Hicks v Mackay and Marsh, 4-6, 4-6.
E. Hicks and Harold Hicks v Mackay and Marsh, 6-4, 6-2.
E. Hicks and Harold Hicks v Docker and Chapman, 6-1, 5-6.
Won by Wahgunyah by 3 sets 39 games to 5 sets 37 games.

Kirribilli No. 1 v Summer Hill.

Allerton and O'Connor v Lack and Hudson, 6-0, 6-1.
Allerton and O'Connor v Jones and Johnston, 6-2, 6-2.
Cole and Baird v Lack and Hudson, 6-1, 6-2.
Cole and Baird v Jones and Johnston, 6-1, 6-5.
Won by Kirribilli No. 1 by 8 sets 48 games to no sets 14 games.

Sydney No. 1 v Sydney No. 2.

Gregg and Jones v Roys' and Norris, 6-2, 6-1.
Gregg and Jones v Reading and Brown, 6-1, 6-2.
Bowker and Turton v Royal and Norris, 6-3, 6-5.
Bowker and Turton v Reading and Brown, 6-2, 6-1.
Won by Sydney No. 1 by 8 sets 48 games to no sets 20 games.

Kuring-gai v Stanmore No. 2.

Amphlett and Lindeman v Hadley and Wright, 2-6, 6-4.
Amphlett and Lindeman v Roseby and Jones, 6-4, 6-2.
Johnson and Delohery v Hadley and Wright, 6-5, 6-4.
Johnson and Delohery v Roseby and Jones, 4-6, 1-6.
Won by Kuring-gai by 5 sets 37 games to 3 sets 37 games.

CLASS C.

Kuring-gai v University No. 4.

Rutter and Calvert v Owen and Thompson, 6-2, 6-4.
Rutter and Calvert v Sharp and Rogers, 6-3, 6-5.
Allport and Gardiner v Sharp and Rogers, 6-1, 6-4.
Allport and Gardiner v Owen and Thompson, 4-6, 6-4.
Won by Kuring-gai by 7 sets 46 games to 29 games.

Summer Hill v Mosman No. 2.

Elphinston and Armstrong v Story and Selden, 6-0, 6-1.
Elphinston and Armstrong v Rolleston and Kyne, 4-6, 6-5.
Wade and Rudder v Story and Selden, 6-1, 6-0.
Wade and Rudder v Rolleston and Kyne, 6-2, 6-4.
Won by Summer Hill by 7 games 46 sets to 1 set 19 games.

Drummoyne v Neutral Bay.

Johnston and C. Brennand v Witherby and Westgarth, 6-4, 6-4.
Johnston and C. Brennand v Small and Bradford, 4-6, 6-4.
Ramsay and Moore v Small and Bradford, 6-2, 4-6.
Ramsay and Moore v Witherby and Westgarth, 6-4, 6-1.
Won by Drummoyne by 6 sets 44 games to 2 sets 29 games.

University No. 2 v Mosman No. 1.

Frew and Prescott v Booth and Payten, 6-5, 1-6.
Frew and Prescott v Cameron and Sheridan, 6-3, 6-7.
Slade and Lethbridge v Cameron and Sheridan, 6-0, 6-5.
Slade and Lethbridge v Booth and Payten, 6-3, 3-3.
Won by University No. 2 by * sets 45 games to 1 set 26 games.

University No. 1 v University No. 3.

M'Callum and Fowler v Matthews and Walker, 5-6, 6-4.
M'Callum and Fowler v Lightoller and Donkin, 4-6, 6-5.
Docker and Maher v Lightoller and Donkin, 6-4, 6-1.
Docker and Maher v Matthews and Walker, 5-6, 4-6.
Won by University No. 1 by 4 sets 42 games to 4 sets 38 games.

Kurraba v. Sydney Grammar School No. 2.

Swanson and Swanson v Fox and Royds, 6-1, 6-2.
Swanson and Swanson v Ward and Rose, 6-3, 6-3.
Rose and Darling v Fox and Royds, 6-2, 6-1.
Rose and Darling v Ward and Rose, 6-6, 6-1.
Won by Kurraba by 7 sets 47 games to 1 set 18 games.

Chatswood No. 1 v Sydney Grammar School No. 1.

Smith and Uther v Delmer and Palmer, 6-1, 2-6.
Smith and Uther v Pitt and Allen, 3-6, 6-5.
Bruce and Campbell v Pitt and Allen, 6-4, 6-5.
Bruce and Campbell v Delmer and Palmer, 6-5, 6-4.
Won by Chatswood No. 1 by 6 sets 41 games to 2 sets 36 games.

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

M'DONALD VERSUS RECORDS.

W. M'Donald, the Western Australian crack, continued his record-breaking attempts on Saturday last, and although the weather was unfavourable he succeeded in lowering the five miles professional record held by Beauchamp, of Victoria, by accomplishing the distance in 8m 18s. His time is just outside Smyth's record by 2s, but there is no doubt that he would have lowered the crack amateur's performance had not the wind been so strong. In an interview with the Western Australian after his ride he says he is confident of reducing the five miles Australasian record to at least 7m 30s, and it is his intention to make another onslaught on both the five miles and the hour record during the next day or so.

DUNLOP INTERCLUB PREMIERSHIP.

The entries for the above competition will be closed on June 1. All intending competitors are requested to send in their entries to the hon. secretary of the New South Wales Cyclists' Union before the 1st prox. It may be mentioned in connection with this important competition that the final arrangements were agreed upon at a meeting of the executive held at the Sports Club on Saturday last. It was decided that teams from the whole of the affiliated clubs should be eligible, and that the entry fee for each team should be 10s. It was further arranged that the first two heats should be run on June 11, and that the remaining heats, semi-finals, and final should take place on alternate Saturdays. The whole of the competitions will be held over the Homebush-Flemington course this year, and not, as in previous seasons, over different routes. The following teams have so far sent in their names as intending competitors:—Burwood, Newtown, Northern Suburbs, Balmain, Marrickville, Annandale, Enmore, St. George, Curzon Park, and Rozelle Clubs. Altogether the list of clubs numbers 13, so the competition promises to be exciting. The Northern Suburbs Club, the present holders of the competition, intend making a bold bid to retain the shield, and the Balmain Club, which once annexed the event, are sparing no effort to reassert their superiority. Considering that all the clubs have been undergoing special preparation for some months past it is anticipated that very fast times will be put up in this year's competition.

NORTHERN SUBURBS.

The Northern Suburbs Bicycle Club ran a five-mile club road race (Butcher Shield competition) on Saturday over a course on the Narrabeen-road, which was in excellent order. The men on the long marks proved too good for the others, who mostly showed want of condition. Results were:—C. Pope (2m 40s), 1; T. M'Cloy (2m 40s), 2; S. M'Cloy (2m 40s), 3; A. Hidden (scr.), fastest time, 13m 55 1-5s.

FOOTBALL.

AUSTRALIAN RULES.

The Melbourne team to oppose Essendon on the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday will arrive by express train to-day, and to-morrow morning will leave by train for Newcastle, where in the afternoon they will meet a combined Northern team. They will return to Sydney in the evening, and will put up at Roberts' Hotel. The Essendon team are coming round by the steamer Kanowna, and on arrival will stay at the Hotel Grand Central. The formal reception will take place at the N.S.W. Sports Club on Friday morning at 11.30, and in the afternoon both teams will indulge in practice at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

GRANVILLE COMPETITION.

The following are the results of matches played in connection with the above association:—

SENIOR.

Auburn Wanderers beat Granville Y.M.C.A. by 5 goals to 2.

Parramatta Federals beat Rookwood Pioneers by 9 goals to nil.

JUNIOR COMPETITION.

Granville Blue Stars beat Auburn Villas by 5 goals to one.

Parramatta Federal II. beat Harris Park True Blues by 10 goals to nil.

Eastwood Merry Farmers beat Auburn Wanderers II. by 2 goals to nil.

SCHOOLS COMPETITION.

Auburn North beat Pitt Row by 5 goals to 1.

Granville Superior beat Marist Brothers A by 5 goals to 1.

Parramatta North a draw with Carlingford, 1 goal each.

Goughtown beat Rookwood by 7 goals to nil.

Granville North received a forfeit from Marist Brothers B.

LACROSSE.

At a special meeting of the New South Wales Lacrosse Association, Mr. N. J. Blatchly's resignation was received. Mr. C. U. B. Gurnett was authorised to carry on the duties until the usual monthly meeting of the association. Mr. P. M. Loutit was elected to the interstate selection committee, vice Mr. N. Barry, resigned. Permits were granted to Messrs. E. Binstead and C. Linley (Burwood), Ballans (Glebe), Cowley and Cornwall (Marrickville), and O. R. Loutit (Balmain). Several interstate letters were held over until the ordinary meeting.

INQUEST.

A FATAL FALL.

The death of a ship's fireman, named Allan M'Donald, who fell down some steps, a distance of about 12ft, at the Maitland and Morpeth Hotel, Sussex-street, on Saturday night, formed the subject of an inquest at the Coroner's Court yesterday afternoon. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

THE GOVERNMENT AS LANDLORD.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Captain John Jackson, manager of the Resumed Properties Department, has thought it necessary to protest against my criticism of the administration of the Rocks Resumption Board in connection with the property taken over from private ownership by the Government, and handed to its care. Captain Jackson denies that "the bailiff is a familiar figure" in the Rocks area, and proceeds to give categorical instances in which distraint was enforced and furniture was sold under the auctioneer's hammer. But will Captain Jackson ease his soul by stating the number of cases of distraint for rent instituted by the Government against the tenants of the Gipps division? How often have a workman's comrades assisted in paying off and paying out these bailiffs? For, after all, we know full well that the best friend the worker has is his fellow-worker. Captain Jackson is hard put to it in order to justify his board's administration when he pleads that the sanitary conditions obtaining in some parts of the Rocks area are certainly superior to those which characterise the East End of London and the Chinese quarters of San Francisco. Perhaps comparisons in this connection are odious; but what, I ask Captain Jackson, can be much worse in London's or in 'Frisco's submerged areas than the sanitary surroundings which must attend the packing of six inmates in one small bedroom? Be it remembered also that the very nature of the occupation of these inmates of that bedroom makes the unfortunate workers uncomfortable living agglomerations of perspiration and coal-dust. All things being taken into consideration, could the overcrowded quarters of San Francisco and the East End of London compete on equal terms with some portions of Sydney's Rocks? Perhaps Captain Jackson will be kind enough to inform the public how much lavatory accommodation is to be found in the small, cramped back-yards of the Gipps Division? Is there adequate bathing accommodation for the coal-lumper who comes hot and begrimed from his strenuous task? One is almost tempted to inquire if there is any bathing convenience at all in the Rocks area.

Indeed, it is unnecessary to deny that the need for a rebuilding and a re-delimitation of the whole district was so keenly felt and so justly appreciated by the Minister for Public Works that he engaged a staff of surveyors and architects to prepare plans and specifications, in which provision was made for boulevards two chains in width, buildings on basic principles of scientific hygiene, and all sorts of up-to-date sanitary accessories. Reverting, however, to Captain Jackson's letter. Does he contend that there is but a small proportion of empty houses in the Gipps area—tenements, by the way, which I wrote were impossible to let owing to prohibitive rentals? Why, in Kent-street alone there is a whole terrace, the windows and doors of which are "plated" up with very ancient sheets of galvanised iron. In adjoining streets there are numerous other examples of the same kind. Again, how many houses have been totally or partially demolished and never been rebuilt? How many of the working men's houses have been left standing in the whole length of Windmill-street? What, can Captain Jackson inform us, are the sanitary and structural conditions of existing empty tenements, with their leaky roofs, choked and damaged gutters, broken windows, and hingeless doors and window shutters?—poor, dejected-looking habitations, whose unpainted exteriors and unpapered interiors constitute a melancholy dirge in bricks and mortar. Will Captain Jackson tell the public how many requests have been made by unfortunate tenants to the board to undertake repairs, which, once accomplished, would have made their dwellings sanitarily and structurally habitable?

Captain Jackson makes a statement to the effect that the sum of £8000 is granted annually by Parliament for the purpose of carrying out repairs. This I know. I know also that an additional sum of £4091 is annually paid away in salaries and contingencies for Captain Jackson's clerical staff; that is to say, it costs over 50 per cent. clerically to administer a sum of £8000 granted annually by Parliament for carrying out repairs over this vast area of resumed properties. The receipts from rentals of "Rocks" properties amount yearly to £56,000. The expenditure for salaries, repairs, contingencies, and workmen's wages cost the Government over £12,000 per annum—£12,000 on a collection of £56,000. Will Captain Jackson kindly give the public the per centum of profit on this "magnificent" national property? Out of the £8000 grant over thirty men are employed, whose total average pay comes to about £250 per fortnight. I had almost forgotten to note, in passing, that Captain Jackson and his staff occupy free offices and buildings within the "Rocks" area. Neither are the staff salaries meagre or inadequate. I believe that the manager himself draws £500 per annum from the clerical staff's salaries grant. Then there is the accountant's salary—is it not £245? The cashier is down for £200; there are five collectors at £150 each, a clerk of works at 15s per day, and three superintendents at 12s per day each. Now, if Captain Jackson has the information available, will he give the public an estimate of the cost of the other half of the resumed properties in the Gipps division—the half which is under the supervision of the Sydney Harbour Trust, with its enormous duplicated staff of much larger magnitude? Why should there be two such excessively costly boards engaged in eating out the financial bowels of the people, when the total work could be efficiently and adequately performed by one? Will Captain Jackson—who, I hear, has manifested his philanthropical and public spirit by giving the Circular Quay Ambulance notice to quit—kindly solve this problem with the same financial and managerial ability and accuracy with which he has replied to my former charges? I may mention, by the way, that the Circular Quay Ambulance was specially devoted to the sufferers from waterside accidents occurring at the wharfs and ships. Sir William Lyne placed the present quarters at its disposal, but it is said that it will have to go. Now, I leave to the citizens of Sydney, and particularly to the "Rocks" tenants, the arbitration between the correctness of Captain Jackson's statements and my own.

I am, etc., J. J. POWER.
Member for Lang.
May 23.

LAW REPORT.

MONDAY, MAY 23.

SUPREME COURT.

IN BANCO.

(Before the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Owen, and Mr. Justice Pring.)

COMPENSATION FOR LAND RESUMED.

APPLICATION FOR A MANDAMUS.

Re C. H. Broughton and others (Minister for Works respondent).

Mr. J. L. Campbell, instructed by Mr. H. R. Way, appeared for the applicants, Charles Henry Broughton and others, executors of the will of the late Thomas Broughton, and moved for a rule nisi calling upon the Minister for Works to show cause why a writ of mandamus should not be issued to compel him under section 13 of the old Land for Public Purposes Acquisition Act to make a valuation of the applicants' estate or interest in certain land resumed by the Government. Counsel stated that before his death Mr. Thomas Broughton was the owner in fee of the land in question, which was situated at North Botany, which he derived by conveyance from the official assignee of one Hatfield. That title was duly registered, and Broughton afterwards took the necessary steps to bring the land under the provisions of the Real Property Act. A man named Tancred, however, lodged a caveat on the ground that before Hatfield became bankrupt he conveyed to him the land within which the resumed area was embraced, but subsequently the caveat was abandoned, and a certificate of title was granted to Broughton for the land, with the exception of the strip resumed by the Minister for Works for tramway purposes. Broughton, or his representatives, in due course applied for compensation for the land, but it afterwards transpired that the Government had paid Tancred for the portion resumed, and they refused to entertain Broughton's claim. Some time ago a similar application to the present was made against the Crown Solicitor to compel him to forward his report on the claim to the Minister for Works, but the proceeding was afterwards withdrawn, as it appeared that the report had been forwarded. Applicants now contended that if the Government had erroneously paid Tancred for the land they were not responsible for the blunder, and that having registered their certificate of title before Tancred they were the legal owners of the land, and entitled to compensation.

The rule was granted, and made returnable next term.

APPLICATION AGAINST THE ARBITRATION COURT.

JUDGMENT RESERVED.

Re Master Retailers' Association (United Grocers' Assistants and others respondents).

Mr. Wade, instructed by Messrs. Westgarth, Nathan, and Co., appeared for the Master Retailers' Association of Employers, and moved to make absolute a rule nisi for a prohibition to restrain the Arbitration Court, also the United Grocers' Assistants' Union of Employees and the Shop Assistants' Union of Employees, from further proceeding in the matter of an application for a common rule. Mr. Holman and Mr. Browne, instructed by Messrs. Brown and Beeby, appeared for the Shop Assistants' Union to oppose. It appeared that an application was made by the respondent unions to the Arbitration Court that an agreement made between them and F. Lassetter and Co., Limited, should be made a common rule for the State, applicable to the retail sale or delivery of goods, whether in shops, offices, or warehouses, in a number of trades specified in the agreement. The Retailers' Association of Employers opposed the application, but the Arbitration Court dismissed their motion, and the association now applied for a prohibition on the grounds:—(1) That the Arbitration Court has no jurisdiction to make the alleged agreement, dated December 3 last, and filed in the Court on December 4, a common rule, seeing that by a further agreement dated December 3 and filed on December 10 the first-mentioned agreement is not to come into force or be in any way binding upon any of the parties thereto unless and until such agreement shall be made a common rule for the trades and businesses mentioned in such first-mentioned agreement. (2) That the agreement of December 3 is not now a valid and subsisting industrial agreement in view of the agreement of the same date. (3) That the Court of Arbitration has no jurisdiction to make an industrial agreement a common rule. It was stated that in the case of W. G. Magrath (for whom Mr. Garland, instructed by Messrs. Jones and Jones appeared), the grounds of appeal were similar to those upon which the present applicants relied, but the difference in Magrath's case was that the Arbitration Court declared a common rule on the application of the Woolscourers' and Fellmongering Employers' Association, and the Wool and Basil Workers' Union of Employees. In Magrath's appeal Mr. Holman and Mr. Browne, instructed by Messrs. Brown and Beeby, appeared for the Wool and Basil Workers' Industrial Union of Employees, to oppose, and it was arranged that both appeals should be heard together. Mr. Wade pointed out that the cases involved the interpretation of sections 13 to 15 of the Arbitration Act, dealing with industrial agreements, and section 37, which dealt with the power of the Arbitration Court to make a common rule.

The argument in both appeals was now resumed from Friday last, and concluded, and the Court reserved judgment.

CLAIM FOR RESUMPTION OF COAL LANDS. JURISDICTION OF ARBITRATORS.

A BIG CLAIM.

Perpetual Trustee Company v Railway Commissioners.

Mr. Want, K.C., and Mr. Knox, instructed by Mr. F. A. Davenport, appeared for the Perpetual Trustee Company; and Mr. Reid, K.C., Mr. C. B. Stephen, and Mr. Scholes, instructed by Mr. J. S. Cargill (Solicitor for Railways), for the Railway Commissioners. This was a special case stated for the opinion of the Court, under the following circumstances:—The Railway Commissioners by the authority of the Public Works Act of 1900, resumed 31 acres 271 perches of land at Teralba for railway purposes, which land was the property of the Perpetual Trustee Company. The land was leased by the company named to the Pacific Co-operative Steam Coal Company, Limited, for the working of coal, and on December 23 the constructing authority gave notice to the Pacific Company that they must not proceed with mining operations under the resumed area, or the land within 40 yards from the boundary thereof, except to such an extent as might be necessary to connect its then present workings with the coalfields beyond the resumed area. The Pacific Coal Company sent in their claim for compensation for the loss of the coal under the resumed area, and after the claim had been dealt with by arbitration, the Pacific Company brought an action against the Railway Commissioners, and were awarded an amount of compensation for the loss they had sustained by the resumption, less the amount of royalty, which the Perpetual Trustee Company, as owners and lessors of the land, would have been entitled to receive from the Pacific Company for the coal obtained. The Perpetual Trustee Company having received and declined an offer of £5000 compensation in respect of the loss of that royalty, called upon the Railway Commissioners to appoint an arbitrator, and on January 25, 1904, they, under protest, appointed the Hon. Alexander Brown, and the Perpetual Trustee Company appointed Mr. John R. Jones as their arbitrator. Mr. George Mair was appointed umpire. When the arbitrators met to proceed with the inquiry, Mr. Scholes, on behalf of the Commissioners, objected to the jurisdiction of the arbitrators to enter into a consideration of the matters referred to them on the grounds, (1) that the arbitrators and umpire had no jurisdiction to arbitrate herein; (2) that the procedure for the recovery of compensation in the matter is not by arbitration under division 2, part VII., of the Public Works Act of 1900; (3) that the Perpetual Trustee Company had not previously to the appointment of the arbitrators and umpire named any sum of money claimed by them by way of compensation. After the arbitrators had made the usual declaration counsel for the Perpetual Trustee Company stated that the amount of compensation claimed was £25,000, and at the request of the arbitrators the point of law involved in the objection taken by Mr. Scholes was referred to the Full Court. Mr. Want contended that the claim came within the provisions of subsection 4 of section 135 of the Public Works Act (No. 26 of 1900), division 4, which was in the following terms:—"If the constructing authority, and such owner, lessee, or occupier do not agree as to the ground of such compensation, the same shall be settled as in other cases of disputed compensation, as provided in division 2, part VII., hereof." The second division of the Act provided for a reference of the dispute to arbitration, and he therefore submitted that the Perpetual Trustee Company were entitled to proceed under the 135th section. On the other hand, it was contended by Mr. Reid that the procedure should have been under section 95 of Part VII. of Division 1 of the Act, which was a procedure where land was taken or acquired by "Gazette" notification. That section provided:—"Every person claiming compensation in respect of land resumed under such notification, or in respect of any work or other matter done under the authority of this Act, where there has been any such notification, shall, within 90 days from the publication of such notification, or at any time afterwards, within such time as a Judge of the Supreme Court shall appoint in that behalf, serve upon the constructing authority and upon the Crown Solicitor a notice in writing, setting forth (a) the nature of the estate or interest of the claimant in such land, together with the abstract of title, and (b) if he claims with respect to damages, the nature of the damage which he has sustained or will sustain by reason of such resumption, or working, or matter, as aforesaid." Mr. Reid also said that the Government did not deny the right of the Perpetual Trustee Company to compensation, and the only question was as to the proper course of procedure to be followed.

The Chief Justice: The difficulty has been caused by the consolidators introducing words at the end of the 135th section which are not in the Act which was consolidated.

Mr. Want: We say that we are in exactly the same position as the Pacific Steam Coal Company, who proceeded under section 135 to arbitrate first, and afterwards submitted its claim to a jury.

The Chief Justice: Under the present procedure a claimant may have a very expensive arbitration, and if either party did not like the award of the arbitrators he had power to go before a jury. Under the old system the parties could go before a jury in the first instance. Your argument, Mr. Reid, seems to be that where there is an owner and lessee then the 135th section refers to the person actually authorised to work the mine, in this case the lessee; but that if the owner claims compensation he comes under the general words of division 2, namely, that his interest is "injuriously affected by the work authorised to be done."

Mr. Reid said that was so, and the Legislature would not pass any Act without some general section covering every righteous claim. His view was that section 95 provided the proper remedy in respect of any work or other matter done under the authority of this Act.

The Chief Justice, in delivering the judgment of the Court, said he was clearly of opinion that section 135 referred to the lessee of the land, and not the reversioner. That section dealt with the person who was working the land as was laid down by the House of Lords in the case of Smith v the Great Western Railway Company, in which the 178 section of the English Act, which was similar to the 135th section of our Act, was discussed. Some light was also thrown upon the matter by reference to the 139th section. The proper way in which the reversioner—in this case, the Perpetual Trustee Company—could get his compensation for the loss of his interest was by proceeding under the 95th and 117th sections of the Act. He thought it was a pity that parties did not decide in the first instance to place their disputes before a jury, where the claim came under the 135th section, because where the parties went to arbitration, and one of them was not satisfied with the award, he could force the other side before a jury, and the whole dispute would have to be gone into again at great expense. For the reasons stated the Court answered the questions submitted to it in favour of the Railway Commissioners, who must have the costs of the application.

Order accordingly.

THE BRICKMAKERS AND BRICKCARTERS. ISSUES BETWEEN THEM AND EMPLOYERS.

OBJECTION TO CERTAIN ISSUES. THE EMPLOYER'S RIGHT TO CONTROL HIS BUSINESS.

RE THE BRICKMASTERS AND PIPE MANUFACTURERS' UNION.

Sir Julian Salomons, K.C., and Dr. Cullen, instructed by Messrs. Pigott and Stinson, appeared for the Brickmasters and Pipe Manufacturers, industrial union of employers, and moved to make absolute a rule nisi by which the Brickmakers and Brickcarters' Union of Employees, and incidentally the Arbitration Court, had been called upon to show cause why a prohibition should not be granted to restrain them from proceeding further with certain issues which had been allowed by the Arbitration Court for consideration in the dispute between the appellants and the Brickmakers and Brickcarters' Union. Mr. Holman and Mr. Browne, instructed by Messrs. Brown and Beeby, appeared for the respondent union to oppose the application. Sir Julian Salomons explained to the Court that the Brickmakers and Brickcarters' Union preferred a claim to have certain questions arising out of their employment decided by the Arbitration Court. They involved 12 issues altogether, and the Brickmasters and Pipe Manufacturers' Union filed an answer. On March 25 the issues raised by the claim and answer were settled by the Registrar, and the brickmasters subsequently moved the Arbitration Court to have the issues 6 to 10 inclusive struck out, on the grounds that the questions raised by them were not within the jurisdiction of the Court. The summons came before the Arbitration Court on May 2, when it was dismissed, it being held that the issues referred to were within the jurisdiction of the Court. Against this decision the Brickmasters and Pipe Manufacturers' Union appealed, and he contended that as to those issues the Arbitration Court had no jurisdiction whatever. The issues objected to affected the manner in which an employer was to carry on his business, which was altogether apart from "work done or to be done" contained in the interpretation clause of the Act as to the definition of industrial matters. The first issue objected to was No. 6, which was as follows:—"One man to be employed on each pan, excepting where two pans are fed from the one shoot. Where two pans from the one shoot, another man or boy to assist." Then issue No. 7 was "One man to be employed at each shoot, and the same speed to be maintained as at present; if the speed is increased additional men to be employed." Then came clause 8 of the issues—"Boys only to be employed at wheeling coal or as assistant to pan men or as assistant on Platt machine. If employed at other work, to be paid men's wages. No boy under 16 to employed in any yard; minimum wage to be 5s per day of eight hours." Clause 9 provided—"In the event of it raining and the majority of the men employed at outside work being of the opinion it is too wet to work, they shall be at liberty to cease work, and it shall not be deemed a breach of the Arbitration Act." The final clause to which objection was taken was as follows:—"Four men to be employed on a Platt machine making 2000 bricks per hour where the distance from the machine to the kiln does not exceed 60 yards. If more than 2000 bricks per hour are made by the machine, or if the machine is more than 60 yards from the kiln, an extra man to be employed. Two men to be employed on a machine making 1000 bricks per hour when the distance from the kiln to the machine does not exceed 60 yards. If more than 1000 and less than 2000 bricks per hour are made by the machine, or if the machine is more than 60 yards from the kiln, one extra man to be employed." He said if the Arbitration Court determined these issues in favour of applicants in the Court below, they could declare a common rule, and he submitted that the Court had no more right to determine the issues referred to than it had to entertain a proposal to compel an employer to increase his capital or to adopt a certain class of machinery for his business. If the Arbitration Court had this power it might arrive at decisions which would bring about disaster and industrial revolution, and the Supreme Court would have no power to interfere so long as the Arbitration Court acted within its jurisdiction. Section 2 of the Arbitration Act defined the term "employer" to mean any person, firm, company, or corporation, and "employees" was defined as persons working in any industry, and included the employees of the Railway Commissioners, the Sydney Harbour Trust, the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, and the Hunter District Board of Water Supply and Sewerage. The term "industry" was interpreted to mean, among other things, the management and working of the Government railways and tramways. The employers and employees in the present case were in exactly the same position as the Railway Commissioners, and if he failed in the present appeal the Supreme Court might be compelled to hold that the Arbitration Court had power to fix the number of cars to be used in a train, the load they should carry, the places they should stop at, the number of guards and conductors to be employed, and so on. He submitted that the Court would not hold that the Arbitration Court had such unlimited power unless they could clearly see that it was conferred by express words in the Act of Parliament. If such a power could be exercised they would be approaching a stage of tyranny which would destroy confidence between employers and employees. He also mentioned that the Arbitration Court, notwithstanding the rule nisi, had proceeded with the claim, and had inspected various brickworks.

At 4 o'clock the further hearing was adjourned to the following day.

EQUITY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson, Chief Judge in Equity.)

DAY AND HUNTER v ALBERT AND SON.

Mr. R. K. Manning, instructed by Messrs. John Williamson and Sons, appeared on behalf of the plaintiffs, who are English musical publishers, and applied for an interim injunction to restrain the defendants, J. Albert and Son, musical publishers, of King-street, Sydney, from importing, selling, or having in their possession any copies of the song "The Honeysuckle and the Bee" without the consent of the plaintiffs.

The application was granted, the injunction to remain in force until Friday next, leave being also given to the plaintiffs to serve short notice on the defendants for that day to continue the injunction.

On the application of Mr. Manning, instructed by Messrs. John Williamson and Sons, an exactly similar injunction was granted against the same defendants on behalf of Charles Sheard and Co., London, the song being "'Mid the Green Fields of Virginia," otherwise known as "The Valley of the Shenandoah."

DISPUTE AS TO A WILL.

Perpetual Trustee Company, Limited, v Irving.

Mr. Lingen, instructed by Messrs. Fitzhardinge and Son, appeared for the plaintiffs; Mr. Gordon, K.C., and Mr. Peden, instructed by Mr. A. J. Taylor, appeared for the defendant, John Maxwell Irving; Mr. Langer Owen, instructed by Messrs. Iceton and Faithfull, for the defendants, Alice Irving (widow) and Alice Maxwell Irving; and Mr. Street, instructed by Messrs. Norton, Smith, and Co., for William Maxwell Irving and John Maxwell Irving, jun., infants. The summons issued by the executors, the Perpetual Trustee Company, plaintiffs, who succeeded to the executorship of the estate some time after the death of the testator, asked—(1) Whether John Maxwell Irving, brother of the testator, was entitled to a legacy of £5000 bequeathed to him; and (2) as to how the costs of the application should be provided. It appeared the testator executed a will in December, 1895, leaving an estate worth £20,000, the New South Wales portion of which was £11,282. Besides making provision for his widow and children he bequeathed £5000 to his brother, John Maxwell Irving, whom he also appointed one of his executors. In March, 1901, the administration of the estate handed over £9502 16s, the balance of the New South Wales portion of the testator's estate, without the legacy to J. M. Irving having been deducted. The latter now claimed the amount of his legacy from the company, hence the application to the Court.

His Honor said he was inclined to hold that the £5000 was given by the testator to his brother, not in his capacity as an executor; but even if it was given to him as an executor he thought he was entitled to be paid his legacy, and accordingly directed that the legacy be paid, and that the costs of the application come out of the estate.

ARBITRATION COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Cohen, President, and Messrs. W. Cruickshank and S. Smith.)

CLUBS AND THE ARBITRATION ACT. UNION EMPLOYEES v THE CIVIC CLUB.

In the matter of the Hotel, Club, Restaurant, and Caterers Employees' Union of New South Wales v the Civic Club, Limited, the Court delivered its reserved judgment.

The President said, although a club might not in its primary meaning be a private house, yet he thought in many essentials it took on many of the characteristics of a private house—first of all by reason of its exclusion and by the exclusiveness of its constitution, and then the restriction placed upon members in bringing their friends into the club for the purpose of refreshment or otherwise. It appeared to him that the Legislature was dealing with industries which were established for the primary purpose of gaining money profit, which would go into the pockets of the proprietary or into the pockets of the shareholders. It might be argued: Was not a club worked for profit? In a sense it was. But there was no provision in the constitution of the Civic Club that the profits should be paid into the pockets of the shareholders. Whilst he admitted that there was a great deal to be said on the other side, he had come to the conclusion that clubs do not come within the jurisdiction of the Industrial Arbitration Act.

SYDNEY WHARF LABOURERS v CAMPBELL. AN INJUNCTION DISSOLVED.

His Honor, in delivering his reserved judgment, said this was a question which arose under the award made between the Sydney Wharf Labourers' Union and the Sydney Stevedores' Association. The award was made a common rule, applicable to all stevedores and others carrying on the business of stevedores, and was subsequently amended by the addition of certain words, viz., "And all persons engaged in the business or stevedoring." This was a claim by the Sydney wharf labourers against the respondent Campbell, on the ground that be came within the meaning of the words added to the award. His Honor recited the facts, from which it appeared the barque Gers arrived in port with a cargo of bitumen in April last, and Campbell and a number of other men entered into an agreement to discharge the vessel at 1s 6d per ton. He took a prominent part in bringing about the agreement, but it was shown by evidence, which had not been contradicted, that he was in no sense an employer. He had no power to discharge any of his mates, and the proceeds of the work were equally divided between them. His Honor said the real question the Court had to consider was the relations of Campbell to the men associated with him. It was clear to his mind they all had equal rights. There was no relation whatever of employer and employee in the transaction, and that being so the Court was bound by the judgment in Clancy's case, and therefore this injunction must be dissolved.

Mr. Cruickshank's judgment agreed in the main with that of the President.

Mr. Smith held that Campbell must be held to be the responsible person in the making and carrying out of the agreement, and that therefore the injunction should not be dissolved.

Injunction dissolved by majority.

DISPUTE IN THE BRICKMAKING TRADE.

The hearing of the dispute between the employees in the brickmaking trade and the master brickmakers was continued, and was not concluded when the Court rose.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before the Registrar, Mr. A. Henry.)

HEARING OF CREDITORS' PETITIONS.

Sargood, Butler, Nicol, and Ewen v George Gray. Mr. Spier appeared for the petitioners, and asked for an extension of time for one week, as the petition had not been served. The time was extended to the 30th inst, to which day the matter was adjourned.

Hugh M'Lachlan Shedden v Samuel Dark. Mr. Sparke appeared for the petitioner, and asked for an adjournment for one week pending a settlement. Adjourned to 30th inst.

Jordan and Rogers v W. A. Turk. Mr. Mitchell appeared for the petitioners, and asked for an adjournment for one week pending a settlement. Adjourned to the 30th inst.

MOTION TO VARY ORDER, SECTION 61.

Re Albert Richard de Plevitz. Mr. Boyce appeared as counsel for the bankrupt. By consent of the official assignee the order was varied, making the payments £1 per month on condition of bankrupt paying arrears due, £10, before July 31.

CERTIFICATE APPLICATION.

Re Henry John Cornish. Mr. Perkins appeared for the bankrupt. The report was read, and the official assignee's affidavit in reply. The Registrar found that bankrupt continued to trade knowing himself to be insolvent, and suspended his certificate for 12 months.

Re Richard Schmidt. Mr. A. H. Jones appeared for bankrupt. The report was read, also the affidavit in reply. The Registrar found that the bankrupt failed to keep proper books, and gave a preference to his father-in-law, and suspended the certificate for 12 months.

Re John Henry Gibbons. Mr. Frawley appeared for bankrupt. The Registrar found that bankrupt failed to keep proper books, and suspended his certificate for six months.

EXAMINATION UNDER SECTION 30.

Re George Herbert Gibson Manning. On the application of Mr. A. W. M'Carthy, who appeared for the official assignee, the matter was adjourned till the 30th inst.

SINGLE MEETINGS AND PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

Re John Schipp. On the application of the official assignee the matter was adjourned to June 7.

Re Charles Splatt. Bankrupt was sworn and examined. Accounts were not filed, and on the application of the official assignee the matter was adjourned till the 30th inst.

Re Catherine Martha Taylor. Bankrupt was sworn and examined by the official assignee. The creditors did not wish to examine, and a resolution was moved. The meeting closed, and the public examination was declared concluded.

LAW NOTICES.

TUESDAY, MAY 24.

SUPREME COURT.

Term List.—For judgment: Evans and wife v Flash. Motion nisi for new trial: Godhard v James Inglis and Co., Limited. Motion, Ex parte the Brickmasters and Pipe Manufacturers, industrial union of employers, prohibition (part heard). Special cases: M'Donald v Beare, Sigle, Phillips, Burns, Kennedy, Pollock, Husband, Hegarty, Smith, Leo Flateau, Flateau, Fallon, Garraghty; Fritz Frike v Bell and others.

Before the Prothonotary.—Flood v the Minister, 11 a.m.; Lovett v Atkinson, 11.30 a.m.; in re goods, one, etc., ex parte E. Robinson, 12; Marshal v Davis, 12.30; same v same, 12.30; Lysaght v Lysaght, 2 p.m.

In Equity.—Before his Honor the Chief Judge in Equity.—At 10 a.m.: Bellambi Coal Company, Ltd., v Barry, motion to continue injunction; re trusts of Hon. John Campbell and Trustee Act, summons for advice; Jones v Turner, originating summons; Minister for Works and Permanent Trustee Company (Raphael), petition for investment; Minister for Works and Fox, petition for payment out.

Before his Honor Mr. Justice Walker.—At 11 a.m.: New Lambton Coal-mining Company and Company's Act, motion to rectify register.

Before the Master in Equity.—At 10 a.m.: Company matters, lunacy matters. At 12 noon: Attorney-General v Teece, to settle minutes of decree; Bowden v Teece, to settle minutes of decree. At 12.30 p.m.: Re will of L. Vandenburg, deceased, and Trustee Act, to settle minutes of order. At 2 p.m.: Borough of Annandale v Borough of Leichhardt, to settle minutes of order.

Before the Deputy Registrar.—At 11 a.m.: Gulf Meat Company, in liquidation, to tax costs.

Probate Jurisdiction. Before the Deputy Registrar. To pass accounts: Frederick Trewecke, 10; Sydney Ridge, 11.15.

In Divorce.—Before the Judge in Divorce, in No. 1 Jury Court.—At 10: Motions, etc.

Before the Registrar in Bankruptcy.—At 10.30 a.m.: Re Charles M'Cowan, to settle minutes of order of 10.5.'04. At 11 a.m.: Applications for extension of time for filing accounts and plans; public examination, George Croaker. Before the Chief Clerk.—At 10.30 a.m.: Taxation of petitioning creditor's costs, James Malone.

COURT OF ARBITRATION.

No. 4 Court, Supreme Courthouse, King-street, Sydney.—Before the President and members.—At 10 a.m.: For hearing—In the matter of an industrial dispute between the Brickmakers and Brickcarters Employees of New South Wales, industrial union of employees, claimant, and the Brickmasters and Pipe Manufacturers, industrial union of employers, respondent (part heard).

DISTRICT COURT.

Before the Registrar, in No. 2 Court.—At 10.30 a.m.: Keast and another ats Russell and another.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

OPENING OF THE CONVENTION.

DIGEST OF THE GOVERNMENT BILL.

UNIVERSAL SELF-GOVERNMENT AFFIRMED.

RECEPTION BY THE LORD MAYOR.

The convention of delegates from municipalities and unincorporated parts of the State, summoned by the Acting Premier, Mr. B. R. Wise, K.C., to discuss the subject of local government, began at the Masonic Hall, Castlereagh-street, yesterday morning. Members of Parliament had been invited to seats in the body of the hall, and the gallery was open to the public. The attendance in the hall was about 200, and in the gallery the general public numbered 25, including two ladies.

THE OPENING ADDRESS.

The Acting Premier took the chair provisionally. He said the would welcome the delegates with fitting brevity, because they had come there, not to listen to or make speeches, but to do practical work. (Hear, hear.) He regarded their presence—coming as they did at much inconvenience—as a most striking evidence of the earnestness of the desire on the part of the country districts to have a practical and working scheme of local government. (Applause.) For more than 25 years the promise of local government had figured in almost every Governor's Speech, but for 25 years local government had been in the air and had not come down into the field of practical politics. What the reason of that might be he was not going to enter upon in any detail. Throughout that convention he trusted there would be no element of party feeling. (Hear, hear.) He would do all in his power to exclude every party or political consideration. (Applause.) Neither party could throw stones at the other for its neglect of local government. One of the chief causes why local government had been so often promised and had not yet been granted was that there had never been placed before the people a precise and definite scheme. One district wanted one thing, and another a different thing, with the result that there had been an apathy throughout the electorates which had its painful reflex in the indifference of Ministries and Parliaments. He hoped, with the aid of the convention, to do two things—first, to stir up such a volume of instructive public opinion that no candidate, no member, no Minister, and no Parliament could in the future be indifferent or apathetic on the question; secondly, he hoped to present from that convention a clearly defined and specified scheme of local government, upon which every candidate at the next general election could be questioned and his opinions learned. There would be no more vague talking about local government, but there would have to be a definite statement as to whether certain proposals were agreed to or differed from. The question was not an easy one; indeed, it was one of the most difficult tasks to frame a Local Government Bill that could tax the genius of the most constructive statesman. What they had to do was to clear away the tangle of the undergrowth and to get on to the path of definite conclusions. That was the work of that convention—not to supplant Parliament, but to assist it; not to do the work in detail which Parliament must do, but to indicate what were the essential problems of local government. When they were known there would have been an advance half-way towards success. When they learned what obstacles they had to overcome they would be a long way on the path to victory. A series of questions had been framed, each one of which raised one or more of the fundamental problems of local government. The discussions on the questions would clarify and crystallise public opinion, and help those who had afterwards to come to a determination either as Ministers or as members. But the convention would not relieve any member or Minister of responsibility cast upon him either in preventing a policy or voting for it. That convention was not to lift responsibility from the shoulders of Ministers or members of Parliament, but to give them all the assistance it could from its practical knowledge and familiarity with the problems. He had had prepared a pamphlet containing much valuable information on local government, and he would also put into circulation a summary of the provisions of the proposed bill. (Applause.) That summary would indicate how the solution which was suggested in his Muswellbrook speech would be carried into practice. It would be idle to put before the convention a long bill in detail, but in the summary no point would be left untouched, and each was one on which a decision must be reached. With reference to the criticism levelled against the convention, it rested with the convention to illustrate whether those criticisms were deserved or not. (Hear, hear.) The charge of insincerity was easy to make; it was a charge to be disproved in one way only, and that was by practical results. (Applause.)

The rules of procedure were adopted, and Mr. Wise was selected as chairman of the convention.

THE BASES OF INQUIRIES.

The business of the convention was crystallised in the following seven questions:—

1. Should the whole State be incorporated?
2. What should be the franchise?
3. What should be the basis of rating?
4. What should be the limit of rating?
5. Government assistance?
6. What should be the powers of municipalities and shires?
7. Western Division, N.S.W.?

The arrangements made for the work of the convention covered three sittings per day until Thursday, two sittings on Friday, and an excursion on Saturday.

THE GOVERNMENT SUGGESTIONS. SKELETON OF AN ACT.

The summary of the proposed bill which Mr. Wise promised was submitted as a suggestion in the manner in which the principles of the local government measure indicated in Mr. Wise's speech at Muswellbrook can be carried into effect. It was substantially as follows:—

INCORPORATION.

1. Within months after the passing of the Act the Governor shall appoint Commissioners to divide the State into—(a) Municipalities, which shall be subdivided into wards; (b) Shires, which shall be subdivided into ridings.

2. The Commissioners shall have, for this purpose, powers similar to those of the Electoral Boundaries Commissioners; and the Act will contain similar provisions for ascertaining the wishes of the people, and recognition of natural features, and of community of interests.

3. No municipality shall be more than 400 square miles in area, nor contain less than 3000 inhabitants, nor have a less amount of rateable property than would, on a basis of 2½d in the £ on the unimproved value, or of 1s in the £ on the present basis, return an income less than £1000 per annum.

4. No shire shall be less than 2500 square miles in area, nor (except in the Western Division) contain fewer than 10,000 inhabitants, nor have less rateable property than will return an annual income of £2500 upon a basis of 1d in the £ on the unimproved capital value.

5. The Commissioners may make any existing municipality or part thereof part of a shire, and may unite and divide existing municipalities and lessen or extend the boundaries thereof; and, in order to do this, may make all necessary adjustments as to the ownership of property and liability for loans. An appeal shall lie from the Commissioners to the Land Appeal Court from any determination of the Commissioners which involves title to property or liability to pay any interest.

6. The Governor may at any time within five years revive the Commission if it is desired to alter the boundaries of any municipality or shire.

QUALIFICATIONS OF ELECTORS.

1. Every adult who shall have resided for a period of at least 12 months within an area shall be entitled to vote at an election for a councillor; but

2. Only adult ratepayers shall be entitled to vote at polls on the question whether or not loans shall be raised or special rates imposed; and only ratepayers within the locality proposed to be affected shall be entitled to vote upon the question whether a local rate shall be raised.

ASSESSMENT.

(Supposing that the basis adopted be "The unimproved value of land.")

1. All land, whether the property of his Majesty or not, shall be ratable land within the meaning of this Act, except the following description of land and the land occupied by or used in connection with the following buildings:—Land vested in, or in the occupation or under the management or control of, or held in trust for a council; commons, public parks, and public reserves; cemeteries, public hospitals, benevolent institutions, and buildings used exclusively for public charitable purposes; churches and other buildings used exclusively for public worship, and free public libraries; fortifications and barracks, or quarters connected therewith; land the property of the Commonwealth; buildings occupied by the Government of the Commonwealth or of New South Wales for any public purpose.

2. Lands within the Western Division, as defined by the Western Lands Act of 1901, or any Act hereafter to be passed amending that Act, under lease from the Crown, shall not be ratable lands until the Governor or the Western Land Board declares that rates under this Act shall be imposed on such lands.

3. The council shall appoint valuers. Appeals from valuations are to be to the local land board, with a further appeal to the Land Appeal Court, whose decision shall be final.

4. The unimproved value of land held under lease or license from the Crown to be taken at 20 years' purchase of the amount of rent payable to the Crown during the year next preceding that in which the valuation is made.

5. The unimproved value of land held from the Crown under any mineral or mining lease or license is to be taken at 20 years' purchase of the rent and royalty payable under such lease or license to the Crown during the year next preceding that in which the valuation is made. Or, at the option of the council, the unimproved value of mining properties may be estimated at the capital value of the property, less the value at the time of valuation of all buildings, fencing, and machinery, and dredging plant erected thereon, and less also the sum expended during the three years next preceding the said time by any lessee or licensee in opening up and developing such property.

6. The unimproved capital value of lands held from the Crown on lease or license, which, by the terms of the holding, can be turned into an estate in fee-simple, is the capital sum for which the fee-simple estate in such land would sell under such reasonable conditions of sale as a bona-fide seller would require, assuming that the visible improvements (if any) were not upon it.

7. The unimproved capital value of reclaimed lands is the selling price of such lands, less the cost of all improvements effected within 12 years preceding the valuation.

RATING.

1. Rates are of four kinds:—(i) General rates; (ii) special rates; (iii) local rates; (iv) loan rates.

2. General rates must be levied every year. They must not be less than 1d in the £ on the unimproved capital value.

3. General rates are intended to supply "the irreducible minimum" of local requirements. This is—A—in municipalities:—(i) The formation and maintenance of roads and streets; (ii) the preservation of the public health; (iii) street lighting; (iv) street watering and the provision of public watering places; (v) the maintenance of commons, parks, stock routes, and camping reserves; (vi) the provision for other services now paid for out of a "general rate." B—in shires:—(i) The formation and maintenance of culverts and roads; (ii) the formation and maintenance of culverts and bridges; (iii) the maintenance of stock routes, camping reserves, tanks, and watering places; (iv) the erection and maintenance of a council hall; (v) the supply of pure water to villages and towns; (vi) the lighting of towns and the construction and maintenance of streets therein.

4. Special rates are intended to be used for all or any of the following purposes:—A, in municipalities, for (i) water, sewage, and drainage works; (ii) manufacturing and supplying gas, electricity, hydraulic, or other power; (iii) establishing parks, baths, warehouses, libraries, and other places of public recreation or improvement; (iv) constructing and maintaining harbour works, wharfs, and river protection works; (v) establishing and maintaining fire and flood brigades; (vi) abattoirs and cattle sale yards; (vii) cemeteries and hospitals; (viii) tramways and light railways, ferries, or other means of locomotion; (ix) storage houses for agricultural produce; (x) creameries or other factories for co-operative distribution of agricultural produce; (xi) public batteries and diamond drills for mining or artesian boring purposes; (xii) the purchase of lands for village settlements or other public purposes; (xiii) the municipalisation of any public service; (xiv) the acquisition of land for the erection of dwellings or other buildings, or for the improvement of the municipality for any public purposes.

5. Loan rates are raised for the payment of interest upon money borrowed; and must be sufficient to pay a sinking fund in addition. A loan can be raised for any purpose, for which a special rate can be struck.

6. Local rates are those which are raised and spent in some portion of an area for its special advantage. A local rate may be applied for any purpose for which a general or a special rate may be applied; but no local rate can be levied until after a poll has been taken of the ratepayers of the locality concerned, and a majority of two-thirds of these vote in its favour.

7. No loan can be raised unless:—(i.) There has been a report on the proposed expenditure by the district surveyor and an officer of the Public Works Department; (ii.) there has been an inquiry on oath before the local land board (in a shire), or before a police magistrate (in a municipality), and a favourable report by such board or magistrate; (iii.) the Governor approve; and (iv.) a majority of two-thirds of the ratepayers within the area approve of the proposed loan. Loan rate must provide for a sinking fund.

8. The Governor shall appoint an audit each year of the accounts of every council. All books shall be kept in a prescribed form.

STATE ASSISTANCE TO COUNCILS.

1. If the proposal to rate unoccupied Crown lands be adopted, and the collection of the land tax handed over to the councils, it is not considered that any direct subsidy should be required; but the bill will provide that a sum, not being less than £100,000, shall be voted annually by Parliament to be applied in aid of councils in the Eastern and Central Divisions.

2. It will be specially provided that the distribution of this vote should be made by a non-political board, in order to remove any vestige of political influence from the distribution of public money among local bodies.

DUTIES OF COUNCILS.

1. A council shall have the control, construction, and management of all roads and public places within its area, except:—(i.) Those vested in the Railway Commissioners; (ii.) Crown lands reserved from sale which the Governor, by proclamation, may exempt from the jurisdiction of a council.

2. A council shall alone exercise within its area the following powers:—(i.) Those conferred upon municipalities by the Public Health Act, 1902, and the Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Act, 1902; (ii.) those conferred upon a court of petty sessions by the Impounding Act of 1898; (iii.) those conferred on certain officers by the Police Offences Act, 1901; (iv.) the administration of any Act now administered by a Minister, which the Governor may by proclamation, upon a resolution of both Houses of Parliament in that behalf, declare shall be administered by any council, and to this end the Governor is empowered to make all regulations necessary to give effect to such a proclamation.

3. A council is charged with the duty of extirpating noxious weeds and plants on unoccupied Crown lands, and is given authority to compel all occupiers of land to do the same on their holdings.

4. The Governor may declare certain roads and bridges and other public works to be national. These will be maintained by the central government.

A GENERAL DISCUSSION.

The chairman said he thought they should have a general discussion on the whole question of local government during the morning. The speeches would be limited to five minutes each. A number of questions upon which the opinion of the convention was desired were incorporated in the agenda paper.

This course was agreed to.

Alderman T. Wise (Mayor of Jerilderie) said that one of the first items down for discussion was that of the franchise. Mr. Wise at Muswellbrook recently implied that any other than a residential franchise would not be acceptable. He would like to know whether that was a Government proposal.

The chairman said he hoped he would not be pressed to give an answer to that question. He had only expressed his own opinion, but he was only one of the Cabinet. The very reason for calling the convention was that such questions might be discussed, and every conclusion arrived at would have the utmost weight with the Government. He was not likely to set up his opinion against those of practical men.

Mr. James Crossley (Sofala) said the view he took was that the present municipalities should be enlarged and their rating powers increased if they thought fit, but not to force local government in any shape or form upon the poorer districts of the State. These poorer districts had so many difficulties to contend with that any increased taxation would deal unjustly with them. A levy of 1d in the £, as he understood the Government's proposal to be, on the unimproved value of land in all shires would not, in his opinion, bring in sufficient money in these poorer districts. Some land was not worth more than 5s per acre. ("Nonsense," and cries of dissent.)

Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald said he was convinced that the convention would be absolutely futile unless it decided that the whole area of the State should be incorporated. (Applause.) They all knew that the State had lagged behind in local government because the country had been governed by "roads and bridges" members and by a central bureaucracy. (Cheers.) The people had themselves to blame for this discreditable condition of affairs, and he commended the Attorney-General for inaugurating the convention. He believed that what they wanted was an extension of the present system of municipal government, with the adjustment of its present anomalies, and an extension to outside areas something in the nature of shire councils.

Alderman Wise (Jerilderie) said a great many of them had come long distances at great sacrifices of time to attend the conference. Those who represented purely country views knew what was wanted in the country. He understood there were a great number of city delegates, who probably knew as much about the country as the country delegates did about the city. (Hear, hear, and cries of "Oh, oh.") The municipalities knew what was wanted, and the men in the country who opposed municipal government had not yet any broad views for the welfare of the country. Without municipalities they would have stagnation. He could not say if municipalities should be extended to the western districts, as he did not know those localities. The one thing the central districts wanted was local government. He had seen works carried out by local bodies at an expense of about £300 or £400, and similar works had cost the Government £1000, and there had been no sweating, the wages in each case being the same. That was why men in the country said that for economical expenditure of public money nothing could beat local government. (Applause.)

Mr. D. H. Rankin (Wyalong) said the district he represented was almost identical with the Western Division. They wanted local government that would be on a fair basis for people in isolated districts. Did unalienated lands mean pastoral and improvement leases?

The Chairman: No. 1 said unalienated and unoccupied lands.

Mr. Rankin: That meant to a certain extent abandoned Crown land.

The Chairman: If it is unoccupied it would come within the definition in my speech.

Mr. Rankin: We want to know if pastoral and other leases will be taxed by shires?

The Chairman: Yes.

Mr. Rankin: And that shires will be called upon to clear away noxious weeds and animals?

The Chairman: That is proposed.

Mr. Rankin: Will the revenue be sufficient if it is decided that shires shall do away with noxious animals or weeds?

The Chairman: That was exactly what he called the convention for.

Mr. Rankin: If the farmers and settlers were confident the Government would give a bill providing that there should not be too much taxation among themselves for dealing with noxious animals. They would take to it in a far more kindly spirit. At present individuals had to kill noxious animals. It was proposed in the bill that the shires should deal with them. ("No.") If the proposed taxation would provide sufficient revenue for shires to do away with noxious animals he would hail the bill with delight.

The Chairman: It was not proposed that shires should kill noxious animals on private lands, but only on unoccupied Crown lands. (Applause.)

Mr. Rankin: Would pastures and stock boards still be in existence? ("No," "Not necessarily.") Would they pay taxation to those boards and shires, and still have to kill their noxious animals? The country from Wyalong to Condobolin, 80 miles distant in the north, and to Hillston, 100 miles westward, owing to the drought was practically unoccupied, and people living there had only a remnant of their stock. Any more taxation would become a great burden.

Mr. Jas. O'Donnell (Manildra) favoured local government if it would only remove two evils. It was degrading for country members to have to run about the city like agents, and if they did not get sufficient out of the Treasury they were put by by the local electors. Local bodies should deal with matters members had now to attend to. There was a too great tendency to lean on the Government.

Mr. R. W. Stewart (Hillston) understood the business they had to discuss was whether the whole State was to come under local government. If they went on talking as they were doing they would spend Christmas here. (Laughter.) If they took a vote then they would find a large majority of the convention favoured local government all over the State. (Applause.)

Alderman G. A. Gunning (Narromine) said he represented one of the largest wheat-producing districts, and the local feeling was in favour of local government. The district laboured under great disadvantages for want of a bridge across the Macquarie. They were told by the Government that there was no money available for the structure. If they had received a fair proportion of the money paid into the consolidated revenue the bridge would have been established.

A proposition that the general discussion be terminated was not accepted by the chairman.

Alderman Gunning said he hoped the residential qualification for the franchise would receive consideration.

Mr. P. Barry (Dubbo) pointed out that it was necessary that the taxation should be pretty high. If 2½d in the £ additional taxation was imposed many settlers would have to abandon their homes. ("That is not proposed.")

Mr. H. F. Blacket (Warren) said he presumed the Warren municipality would be enlarged, as it was proposed to make municipalities of 400 square miles.

The Chairman: Not more than 400 square miles.

Mr. Blacket: If they took 20 miles square round Warren they would just about break it if they taxed it any more. (Hear, hear.) Sydney people should live in the Western Division to know what it exactly was. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. C. W. Hoerning (Ebenezer Progress Association) said if they were going to build up local government they should start from the bottom, and it should be for the people to say how much taxation should be levied. Every little locality should have power to form a community and have a share in the revenue raised.

Alderman Samuel See (Mayor of Grafton) said he was in sympathy with the large body of men who had suffered disabilities in consequence of the non-arrival of local government. The matter of the franchise should be settled by giving it to the men who paid the money. (Applause.)

Alderman John Cusack (Mayor of Yass) said his council was in favour of the whole State being incorporated, and it also urged that the franchise should be an adult residential qualification, but that some advantage should be given to property holders. (Cries of "Oh, Oh.")

Mr. H. J. Hungerford (Queanbeyan) did not see why the Government could not advance £1,000,000 to the local bodies to administer the roads, bridges, and other works. He was against further local taxation.

Mr. R. Walters (Kyogle) was of the same opinion. He would oppose any Local Government Bill that meant increased taxation, as he did not see why the landholders should have to bear more taxes.

Mr. W. Smith, jun. (Bodangora) considered that the powers to be exercised by the shire councils should include the administration of the Noxious Weeds Act and the question of rabbit destruction. These very useless rabbit boards should be abolished. (Hear, hear.)

Alderman J. M. Byrnes (Mayor of Wilcannia) said that his district was a grossly neglected one. The nearest railway station was Cobar, and in the first 90 miles from Wilcannia to Cobar there was not one Government tank. The mail contractors had to depend upon the generosity of squatters for water. What with rabbits and the drought the people around Wilcannia had become practically ruined. If there was one thing sure it was that they could not stand any more taxation.

Mr. H. F. Ogilvie (Albury) maintained that the prime needs of the country were cheap land and decentralisation.

The convention adjourned at this stage to attend the Lord Mayor's reception.

RECEPTION BY THE LORD MAYOR.

SPEECHES BY THE LORD MAYOR AND ACTING PREMIER.

ISSUES FOR THE ELECTORS.

In the afternoon the Lord Mayor, Alderman S. E. Lees, held a reception, and entertained the delegates at the Town Hall. The names of the delegates were announced by the Acting Premier, Mr. Wise, and each delegate shook hands with the Lord Mayor, who was attended by the town clerk and other corporation officers and some of the city aldermen. Selections were played on the grand organ, and refreshments were provided.

The Lord Mayor, on behalf of the aldermen and citizens, extended to the members of the convention a hearty welcome. He said they had been called together to discuss a very important matter, in fact a matter of such supreme importance that he quite apprehended some of them looked at it with wonderment as to how to succeed. He felt satisfied that there was sufficient analysing force amongst them to get at the bottom of what was best to give this State in regard to local government which had been required for so many years, which was urgently needed, and which the people were asking for. The Acting Premier had placed before them a bill which he (the speaker) had not yet seen, but he had read Mr. Wise's speech which gave an outline of the measure. They were called together to consider the provisions, and of crystallising them if possible in a better form so as to make them adaptable by the Legislature, and certainly by the people whom they represented. They might not do all the Minister required. The Minister might not have done all they required, but he appreciated the convention, because it was a body of men from every part of the State, who had practical experience and business acumen. They knew what the districts in which they resided wanted. They knew how far it was necessary certain ants should be supplied, and they were crafty enough as men of the world to see that only those things which were necessary were supplied, and in such a form that there should be no extravagance, but only utility, economy, and comfort. (Applause.) Who knew better than they of what was wanted in the places whence they came? If the Minister could see enough in their recommendations and findings to justify him in accepting them, they would have done work which would stand to their credit, and make the convention historical, in having put forward one tangible step the important principle of local government. They had a free hand, and should not hesitate. They might not get all they asked, but they should ask for it. (Laughter.) A reformer two centuries ago, in advice to his followers, said:—"Get all you can, save all you can, give all you can." They should hold fast to that which they held to be good, and reach out for that which they thought to be better, and do what they could to make a complete and perfect state of things. (Applause.) If he were to say one word of advice—he did not presume to advise them, when so many of them were his seniors—he would say this—He hoped when their deliberations ceased there would be one recommendation, sound and forcible, and that was that they would not leave one inch of the State in a condition of non-municipal government. (Loud applause.) They should have every inch of it municipalised, and by so doing they would build up amongst the young men in their midst a spirit of emulation to make for positions of honour, responsibility, and trust. They were told they could not alter the franchise and some other matters. If they had an opinion on those matters, whether it suited the Government or not, they should express it. (Applause.) So sure as they expressed it, there would be a crystallised form of opinion from a body of men who knew what they were talking about, and it must have its effect. The duty devolved upon them to put into form an expression of opinion in such terms that any Minister must respect it and embody it in a measure of so much public importance. They had a promise from the Government to have a convention on the Greater Sydney question. He hoped that promise was as sure of being carried out as this convention was practical. They had to deal with places outside the Greater Sydney area, and they had amongst them large centres. If it was in his power to forward their efforts, and make their stay pleasant and profitable, they had but to command. He once more gave them a hearty welcome. (Loud applause.)

The Acting Premier (Mr. Wise), on behalf of the convention, thanked the Lord Mayor for his hearty welcome, and not the least for his very weighty words of counsel. If he could have been with them that day, though they were only on the threshold of their labours, he would have seen there was every disposition to treat the gathering as a serious one to do work, and there was no indisposition to criticise freely. He thanked the Lord Mayor for his advice to the convention to criticise freely, because it was precisely what he, as the member of the Government principally responsible for the form of the bill, desired. Without free and frank criticism it would be impossible to get exactly what was wanted. (Hear, hear.) His views had been put plainly enough before them in the summarised bill. Although he did not expect all present to agree with every part of it, or to get a majority in favour of every part of it, he felt greatly cheered upon the very friendly recognition of the value of the work the convention rendered to the cause of local government, coming from so high an authority as the Lord Mayor, more especially as he did not sit on the Government side of the House. (Applause.) He joined with the Lord Mayor in hoping their stay would be agreeable. They did not want to make it all work and no play, and, so far as they could, would join with the civic authorities in making their stay pleasant. Whatever the result of the convention was, whether they agreed or not, he undertook to say that before the general election there would be in print a bill every clause of which would be open for everyone to read—not a mere skeleton summary, but a complete bill, which would be available for every elector to question every candidate upon. (Applause.) What they wanted to do was to make it impossible in the future for any Government or any Parliament to play with the question of local government. They wanted to make it the people's question—a live question. They wanted the convention to make it so precise and clear in its form that everyone would be able to give a definite answer, Yes or No, as to whether he favoured each proposition. Their successful opening augured well for success during the week. He believed he voiced the sentiments of all present when he said they were deeply encouraged by the Lord Mayor's kind welcome, and still more kind words. (Loud applause.)

THE AFTERNOON SESSION.

On the Convention resuming at 4 p.m. it was unanimously resolved that the delegates place on record their high appreciation of the cordial welcome extended to them by the Lord Mayor.

GENERAL DISCUSSION CLOSED.

The Chairman (Mr. Wise) said that, unless any objection was taken, he proposed to declare the general discussion closed.

Several delegates desired to speak, but on a vote being taken the great majority of those present approved of the chairman's suggestion.

Mr. Frank Miller (Forbes) protested. He said that a number of delegates had some ideas to place before the Convention, but owing to the closure they were now prevented. He thought that the hurried vote taken was injurious to the interests of the meeting, as the general discussion was the keynote to the whole situation.

The Chairman pointed out that as the general resolutions were submitted each could be debated at length.

SHOULD THE WHOLE STATE BE INCORPORATED.

Alderman J. E. M'Intyre (Mayor of Muswellbrook) moved,—"That the whole of the State be incorporated, always provided that the Western division shall receive the special treatment to be set apart for that division."

Alderman J. A. Flower (Granville) seconded the motion.

Mr. James Crossley (Sofala) moved as an amendment,—"That, in the opinion of this convention, the provisions of the Local Government Bill should not be extended to the shires until a majority of the residents within such areas petition or otherwise approve of such extension."

Mr. W. Hayes (Barringun) seconded the amendment.

Mr. F. Miller (Forbes) supported the motion, and remarked that as proof of the desire of the country people for local government there were 200 farmers and settlers' associations and 300 progress committees in existence, who all felt the want of a system of local government.

Alderman A. E. Ennis (Mayor of Bathurst) said no amount of talking would persuade him that some of the districts which delegates claim to be poverty-stricken were other than wealth producing. The outside parts had all the advantages of the streets of boroughs, and paid no rates. He was in favour of full municipalisation.

Mr. A. Geering (Martinville Agricultural Association) suggested that some of the large shires should be halved.

Mr. John Lord (Tamworth) said they were there to do business, and it was no use discussing a question which, if they continued discussing for a week, would carry them no further.

Mr. A. W. Molineaux (Adelong) had been of opinion that there could be no two opinions as to the advantage of general incorporation. He believed that incorporated places got more from the Government than others. Adelong, for instance, had been contributing much revenue for years, yet had received very little consideration from the Government.

A voice: A bad member.

Mr. Molineaux: He was not a bad member, but one of the best in the country. However, the fact remained, and it applied to other mining centres too.

Alderman T. Wise (Mayor of Jerilderie) said the objections raised were that local government would mean increased taxation. He had had experience, and could say that it would mean the opposite. Men wanted roads and bridges and culverts. They were at present supplied by the State, and they cost twice as much as if supplied by local bodies. (Hear, hear.) Therefore, without municipalisation the cost of taxation would be greater. The whole thing was in a nutshell. A few years ago the district he represented was incorporated, and not one man in 20 there would go back to the old system.

Mr. D. H. Rankin (Wyalong), asked if presidents of shires were controlled by the Government as the presidents of stock boards were. (No.) Well, he wanted to say that no shire would be strong enough to raise funds to destroy the rabbit, let alone other pests. (Hear, hear.) The shires would have to be classified, or shires in the Central division would not be able to maintain an existence.

Mr. W. Hayes (Barringun) said land bought at £1 per acre some years ago was now worth only 10s. If they had to pay rabbit tax, land tax, dog tax, and other taxes, the land would not be worth a penny to them, and they could not live on it.

The chairman said Barringun was in the Western division, and would not be affected.

Mr. P. Barry (Dubbo) supported the amendment. The additional taxation of 2½d in the £ would practically force a lot of people out of existence.

Mr. Donaldson (Boggabri) thought the difficulty would be solved by some system of local option.

Mr. A. S. Jacques (Ourimbah) said his instructions were that if he found the majority in favour of local government he was to vote with them. (Laughter.) At present they were all mixed up, and he did not know what side they were on. He was against it. (Loud laughter.)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MUST COME.

The chairman said if the convention decided against compulsory incorporation then so far as the usefulness of the convention went it was gone. The proposal to allow districts to voluntarily incorporate themselves had been the law since 1887. It was because there was no compulsion that we had not got local self government. Not one-hundredth part of our country was incorporated. Queensland, which had 668,000 square miles, had only 245 miles unincorporated. New South Wales, with 310,000 square miles, had only 2800 miles incorporated. Anyone who looked at the map would see little bits of red (or in the printed map, black), which were the only portions where the people could get instruction in local self-government. Local government was not merely for getting works done cheaply; it was also to give instruction to our citizens in self-government. (Hear, hear.) Were we poorer than in Victoria? (No.) There they had had self-government since 1864; Queensland had it in 1878; South Australia in 1887; Tasmania in 1878; New Zealand in 1876. Were we poorer than they? (No.) The scandal to Australia was the position of New South Wales in regard to self-government. As to the cost, the bill provided that there was to be handed over to the councils the land tax, the power to rate unoccupied Crown lands, and a sum of not less than £100,000, which should be voted annually and apportioned by a non-political board among the councils which might require assistance.

Alderman J. H. F. Waller (Mayor of East Maitland) said that what those who were supporting the amendment were afraid of was additional taxation. As civilisation advanced and their requirements increased they could not possibly hope to escape additional taxation, but the important point was that they should have the raising and expending of that increased taxation in their own hands. (Hear, hear.)

Alderman W. J. Quinn (South Singleton) did not think that in his district there would be any objection to local government. The people around Singleton had come to the conclusion that the day for going to the Government cap in hand for every local requirement should be at an end. They would prefer to tax themselves and carry out the works with their own men. He thought that municipalities and shire councils should have the privilege of retaining at least one-half of all hotel, wine, and tobacco licenses.

Alderman J. M. Donohue (Mayor of Bourke) supported the amendment. He did not think that the whole of the rates collected around Bourke would support a council there. One local road, four or five miles in length, in consequence of floods and windstorms, had cost the Government £11,000 to keep in repair. To illustrate how values had depreciated in Bourke he said that an allotment which was sold for £1400 a few years ago realised recently, with a two-storied hotel included, £200.

THE MOTION AGREED TO.

The amendment was then put and lost, only 20 delegates voting in favour. The motion was carried amid cheers.

The Convention at this stage adjourned until to-day at 9.30 a.m.

RICHMOND, Monday.

The invitation to the Richmond Council to send delegates to the Local Government Convention only reached the Mayor (Alderman Cobcroft) at the beginning of last week. At a special meeting of the council held on Friday evening it was resolved,—"That while the council is in favour of a proper system of local government it considers the convention will not attain the desired objects, and therefore the council declines to be represented."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—As the convention to deal with the local government proposals of Mr. Wise is now in session I would like to again draw attention to the question of local taxation. It is the most important feature in any system of local government. The progress of events in the United Kingdom during recent years furnishes valuable information on this question. Latterly a bill for the purpose of rating land values has been introduced in the House of Commons every year. This year it was in the hands of Mr. C. P. Trevelyan, and passed its second reading by a majority of 67 on Friday, March 11. The following extracts from the speeches and articles in the press are full of interest:—

Mr. Trevelyan: This bill was not his bill, it was not a party bill, but it was the result of the deliberations of a conference of municipalities representing 150 local authorities, and as far as he knew hardly any, if any, authorities had made a definite declaration against it. The two underlying principles of the bill, to which he hoped the House would assent, were, that in the case of undeveloped property the real selling value of the land should be the basis of taxation, and that land values were a proper subject of separate rating from buildings and improvements. The bill proposed to tax unoccupied land to the extent of the full current rate on its real value, the annual value being taken as a basis and reckoned as 3 per cent. of the selling value. This would be a very substantial increase of taxation where land was held out of use against the public interest and a great encouragement to building.

Mr. W. Rutherford: He put it as a reasonable principle that every inducement should be given to enterprise and improvement. Let them take three pieces of land of the same size and fronting the same street. On the first the owner built to the value of £2000, on the second the owner built to the value of £500, and on the third the owner did not build at all, and his land was occupied as a depository for dead cats and old tins. In such a case the Corporation of Liverpool made the road into a fine street, all the improvements being effected at the public expense. Each of these pieces of land was equally benefited by the general outlay under the improvement scheme. Each contained 500 square yards, worth about £3 the square yard. But of the taxation falling on those three pieces of land No. 1 had to pay seven-eighths, the owner of No. 2 paid one-eighth, and the third escaped altogether. Anything more unfair, unjust, or contrary to public policy could hardly be imagined than this condition of affairs, which he had ventured to describe from personal experience.

Mr. Kearley: He said the existing state of the land laws encouraged the hoarding of land, and had been responsible for bringing about the evil of overcrowding.

Mr. Asquith: The fact that his hon. friend who introduced the bill had behind him 200 of the great urban representative authorities was a very important fact in itself as showing the general tendency of opinion, and he thought it still more important from the practical point of view, because it meant that if the bill was carried it would have behind it not the reluctant consent but the hearty goodwill of the very authorities on whose co-operation they must depend for carrying it into effect. As he understood the bill, it embodied two propositions. The first was that all land ought to be rated at its real value, and the second was that for the purpose of carrying that object into effect there must be a separate assessment of the land and of the buildings. As regarded the first proposition, he did not believe that there was any real dispute among them. It rested upon the simplest principles both of justice and of policy. When vacant land was required for a public purpose, then, although it had not paid any equivalent portion of the rating burden for its enhancement of value, the community had to acquire it on the basis of its enhanced capital value. So long as the landowner could thus obtain an enhanced value for his land when required by the community without contributing anything to the cost of its enhancement, they had a case of plain and indefensible injustice.

Mr. Lawson Walton: In answer to the objection that the bill would force land prematurely into the market, he contended that that would be an advantage to the community. Land would be more widely held; there would be more owners and greater freedom in dealing with it, and that was more conducive to the social advantage of the community than that large tracts of unoccupied land should remain in the hands of single persons who were subject to no burden, and who got—without any contribution—all the advantages which attended the development of the area.

The figures on division were 225 to 158. The majority included 36 Unionists, but not a single Liberal or Nationalist voted with the minority.

The "Times": "There seems to be no doubt that the bill regarded as a whole is an attempt to approach the taxation of what Progressives call unearned increments by the thin end of the wedge. . . . The natural consequence would be that landlords would be driven to accept lower rents rather than leave such houses unoccupied, and that the common practice of waiting a period of six months or so in order to secure a thoroughly eligible tenant would be rendered an expensive and in some cases an impossible luxury. There would be a downward tendency in rents."

"Daily News": "The mind of the country, so far from being debauched by the quackeries of Mr. Chamberlain, is turning steadily to the true path of fiscal reform. The defeat of the Government—for that is really what it comes to—is immediately due to the part which the local authorities have taken in the matter, and the municipalities, we need hardly add, have been forced into the crusade by the sheer pressure of economic facts. . . . The great thing is that the assessment and rating of land values has been affirmed by the House of Commons, and from this point there can be no going back. Yesterday's vote is, to our thinking, comparable in importance with the historic vote that swept away the Corn Laws. It marks the beginning of a new chapter in the handling of the land question. We say that any step to relieve the taxation of homes by transferring the burden to the land is every whit as momentous as the movement that gave cheap food to the people."

"Daily Chronicle": "The bill is, though a very small one, a first step towards tackling a very large question. It asserts the principle that site value and site structure are separable for rating purposes. This is an important step, and the principle of it has received emphatic approval even from a Tory House of Commons. The other principle of the bill—the rating of unoccupied premises on their site values—would be of immediate importance. Take the case, for instance, of a plot of land in a neighbourhood which is suffering from lack of house accommodation. Local improvements are being carried out which involve heavy rates. The owner escapes contribution to those rates and holds up his land for the rise. Can anyone seriously maintain that the unoccupied land ought not to be rated on its true value as a site?"

"Morning Leader": "It is one of the compensating advantages which a country enjoys from the possession of a Government with no convictions of its own that it is possible to induce it to accept even the most obviously just principles when assured that they are really popular. The present incidence of rates is grossly unfair in principle and absolutely disastrous in its indirect effects. The present bill strikes at the root of the evils of the system. By requiring that land shall be rated at its real value and not at the value at which its owner may choose to lease it, it will check at once the practice of 'cornering' valuable sites and put a stop to the vexatious 'upholding' of land, which is often so serious a hindrance in the way of honest attempts at housing reform."

"Star": "When this can be done in spite of a hostile Tory Government, what will be done in the hey-day of Liberalism which is at hand. The bill will help to solve the housing problem. The Royal Commission on Local Taxation pointed out that the tendency of our present rates must be generally to discourage building—to make houses fewer, worse, and dearer; and quoted with approval Mr. Fletcher Moulton's dictum that taxation on land has no such effect."

"Echo": "This (separate assessment and rating of land values) would go a long way to solve the housing and overcrowding problem by forcing into the market for building purposes land which is at present being withheld."

"Westminster Gazette": "It is a distinct step forward in land reform. . . . The bill only actually proposed a very moderate measure of reform. . . . Indeed, the particular form of the bill was due to a desire to let the first step forward be one upon which men of all parties in the municipalities are in hearty practical agreement."

"Northern Echo" (Newcastle-on-Tyne): "When once the principle has been established it will be easy to extend the measure to include rural as well as urban districts—and it is needed there almost, if not quite as much, as in the towns—and to provide that alternative of compulsory purchase by the local authority, which would so greatly simplify the task of valuing sites for rating purposes. Meanwhile it behoves oppressed ratepayers to watch very closely the attitude of their representatives in Parliament towards the present bill—a task in which we shall do our best to assist them."

"The New Age": "It is the economic effect of the taxation of land values that constitutes its chief advantage to the community."

I am, &c., A. G. HUIE.

CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

JEWISH GIRLS' GUILD.

At the tenth annual meeting of the Jewish Girls' Guild in the Synagogue-chambers yesterday, there was a large attendance, and his Honor Mr. Justice Cohen presided. The report showed that the work of the society had been satisfactorily maintained during the year, referred with satisfaction to the generosity of Mr. J. C. Williamson in presenting £25 to the society out of the proceeds of the entertainment he gave at the Theatre Royal for the benefit of the charities of the city, and expressed regret at the departure of Mrs. J. H. Landau from the State. This lady and her husband had founded the society. Mrs. B. F. Marks had been re-elected in Mrs. Landau's stead.

In moving the adoption of the report, the chairman delivered a sympathetic address, in which he highly eulogised the work done by the society.

The report and balance-sheet were adopted, and the whole of the officers re-elected.

The report of the Sydney Hospital for the week ended May 21 is as follows:—Admitted, 67 males, 37 females; discharged, 59 males, 28 females; died, 6 males, 1 female; remaining, 190 males, 117 females; out-patients treated but not admitted, 1508; new casualty cases treated but not admitted, 198; old casualty cases treated but not admitted, 564; number of typhoid cases in hospital, 5.

The monthly meeting of the board of management of the Sydney Homoeopathic Hospital was held on the 19th inst., the president (Mr. Justice Pring) being in the chair. The honorary medical superintendent reported that during the month 198 visits by out-patients had been made, and 56 new patients had attended during that period. Nine in-patients had been received at the hospital during the month, eight had been discharged (all cured), and six still remain for treatment.

CARDINAL MORAN AND THE GOVERNMENT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In the summary of this morning's issue of the "Herald" you impute to me the words "they had a friendly Government, which he trusted would be returned to power;" and you make me refer to Mr. O'Sullivan as "the future member for Belmore division." In the report of the proceedings at Redfern similar sentiments are imputed to me. Permit me to say that I did not use any such words, nor did I give expression to any such sentiments.

I am, etc.,
✠PATRICK F. CARDINAL MORAN,
Archbishop of Sydney.
St. Mary's, May 23.

[On referring to our reporter who attended the ceremony at Redfern, we find that the phrase "the future member for Belmore" was an interjection, and was not used by Cardinal Moran. Our reporter is, however, clear that the words referring to a friendly Government and to the hope that they would be returned were used by the Cardinal as they stand in the "Herald's" report.—Ed. "S.M.H."]

ALL ABOUT COLDS.

In all countries and among all nations of the globe, cough medicines are used, and used probably more extensively than any other one class of medicines. Every human being is subject to throat and lung troubles, which may terminate his existence. People everywhere realise the dangerous consequences of a neglected cold, for the majority of fatalities have their origin in and are characterised first by a simple cold. The more careful and prudent persons do not permit a cold to run its course, but treat it promptly. For many years Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been in use throughout the United States and many other countries, and time has proven it to be the best adapted of any remedy yet made for all throat and lung diseases, and especially coughs, colds, croup, and whooping cough. It always cures, and cures quickly.—Advt.

WOODS' GREAT PEPPERMINT | Selections from Verses. | WHICH IS THE BEST? | In Last Year's Competitions. | CURE FOR COUGHS AND COLDS.

THE LUCK OF M'GINNIS.

McGinnis was all of a shiver and shake,
He'd a cold and a cough that kep' him awake.
Two nights had gone by, wid' never a wink—
Said McGinnis, "No more! I must take to the dhrink."
'Twas dark, to be sure, but Biddy slept sound,
And Pat, he knew well where a dhram could be found.
He tuk a long pull, though he wouldn't, I'm sure,
Had he known it was WOODS' GREAT PEPPERMINT CURE.

Next mornin', McGinnis, he felt mighty well,
And to his dear Biddy he hastened to tell
His wonderful cure through a dhrop of potheen.
But Biddy said naught, though the smile in her een,
Was something to see, as she thought of the plan
That so simply had cozened her invalid man.
Thus the colds and the coughs will fly away far
From WOODS' GREAT PEPPERMINT CURE in the jar.

Aeons ago, when all the worlds were not
And mortal man as yet was unbegot,
The King of Nothing, weary of the void,
Produced, by sleight of hand, this Asteroid.
After a million years or so had passed,
Small Maggots bred upon our Protoplast,
From them to Man was slow, but ever sure,
Which brings the mind to WOODS' GREAT PEPPERMINT CURE.

If asked to prove it, do so in this wise:
As Man began to grow, and colonise,
His ailments waxed proportionate to his wealth,
Till soon he cried for something for his health.
Then rose in Legion medicines galore,
Brass-heralded by ads, from shore to shore.
Then the King said:—"Only shall endure
The fittest! Ergo:—WOODS' GREAT PEPPERMINT CURE.

Act I.—The heroine here strives
Against a deadly foe.
Act II.—The hero now arrives
And deals a rescuing blow.
Act III.—A life long bond is told
'Twixt knight and maid demure.
The cast included me—A Cold—
And WOODS' GREAT PEPPERMINT CURE.

"Hotel Austral, June, '03.
Dearest Gladys—You will be
Pleased, I know, to hear I wed
Tuesday morning next with Fred.
Fondest Love—Yours ever, Flo."
Cat! She wanted him I know,
He made thousands safe and sure,
Selling WOODS' GREAT PEPPERMINT CURE.

The mother sang to the babe at her breast,
And sought to lull her child to rest;
And she called to God in her wild despair,
To save her babe and hear her prayer,
As she gazed on its little cough-racked frame,
And gave it the drops of world-wide fame,
She prayed that a blessing strong and sure
Might rest on WOODS' GREAT PEPPERMINT CURE.

In calm repose the baby slept,
No more the anxious mother wept;
In that Australian home, way-back,
Where necess'ries they sometimes lack,
The mother, tho' the times were hard,
Had kept the "Cure," hence her reward.
No more she cries in anguish wild,
WOODS' PEPPERMINT CURE has saved her child.

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MARRIAGES.

M'INTOSH—LUKER.—April 30, 1904, at her brother's residence, Liverpool-street, Hyde Park, by the Rev. F. Hibberd, John M'Intosh, of Melrose, South Australia, to Mary Maude, youngest daughter of the late George Luker, of Sydney.

SILVER WEDDINGS.

HIPGRAVE—LUTTRELL.—May 24, 1879, at Sydney, by the Rev. Wm. Slatyer, Henry William James, youngest son of the late William George James Hipgrave, late proprietor "Armidale Express," to Rosa Malvina, fourth surviving daughter of Captain Edward Hungerford Luttrell, of Grassy Hills, Little Swanport, Tasmania. Present address: Mortlake, Sydney.

DEATHS.

FOGGO.—May 21, 1904, at 11 Wigram-road, Glebe, Ann, widow of the late John Foggo, and dearly loved mother of Miss Foggo, Mrs. A. Rogers, Mrs. A. Asker, Mrs. H. P. Edwards (Melbourne), Mrs. W. A. Thomas (Sydney), and Mrs J. Beith Wilson (Murwillumbah).

HUTHWAITE.—May 23, 1904, at Ocean-street, Woollahra, Lilian Ellen Huthwaite, daughter of the late A. G. D. Huthwaite, of Wallegorang, Goulburn, and Mrs. Huthwaite, Woollahra.

KELLY.—May 22, at Thirlmere, James Kelly, of D'Arcy-street, Hunter's Hill, in his 55th year.

M'GILL.—May 23, at 78 Trafalgar-street, Annandale, Jane, relict of the late William James M'Gill, of Miller's Point, aged 74 years. By request, no flowers.

NOLAN.—May 23, at 25 Oxford-street, Hyde Park, Alderman Patrick Nolan, aged 42 years.

SALIER.—April 9, 1904, at London, Eliza, last survivor of the family of the late Rev. George C. Salier, of London, and youngest sister of the late John G. Salier, of this city, aged 79.

SHEPHERD.—May 23, at Balmain Cottage Hospital, William Shepherd, in his 52nd year.

STECUM.—May 23, at her residence, Alcyone, Pile-street, Dulwich Hill, Jennie Gertrude, wife of E. M. Stecum, and second daughter of J. C. Tindall, in her 29th year.

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WEBSTER.—May 23, 1904, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Arthur William, eldest surviving son of the late Captain Robert Webster, H.M. 11th Regiment.

IN MEMORIAM.

BINGHAM.—In sad and sorrowful remembrance of our dear mother, Matilda Louisa Bingham, who passed away May 24, 1903. At rest. Inserted by Clara and Neville Montagu.

BINGHAM.—In affectionate remembrance of our dear mother, Matilda Louisa Bingham, who departed this life May 24th, 1903. Inserted by her daughters, Popsey and Clara, and grandchildren.

BIRD.—In loving memory of my dear wife, Agnes Bird, who departed this life May 24, 1902, aged 51 years; also my dearly beloved youngest son, Percy William (Willie), who died May 29, 1901, aged 5 years and 3 months. May they rest in peace.

Call not back the dear departed,
Anchored safe where storms are o'er,
On the borderland we left them,
Soon to meet and part no more.

Inserted by her loving husband, Thomas Bird.

BIRD.—A tribute of everlasting love to the memory of my darling devoted mother, Agnes Bird, who departed this life May 24, 1902, at her residence, 162 Botany-street, Waterloo, aged 51 years; also my dear little brother, Percy William (Willie), who died May 29, 1901, at 15 Kensington-street, Waterloo, aged 5 years and 3 months. A better mother to her children never lived.

What is home without you, mother?
Home is nothing now to me.
Since you have left me, darling mother,
There is no one now to care for me.
You were all I had to care for
In this world of grief and pain;
My one prayer night and day, dear mother,
Is to be with you soon again.
And my little brother, Willie,
He was your idol and your joy.
Ah, how I miss our little love—
My mother's darling baby boy.

Inserted by her ever lonely daughter, Nellie.

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I will never forget my mother or little brother,
Though years may pass by,
For in the lonely graveyard
They are sleeping side by side.

Inserted by her loving son, John.

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My heart is sad and weary;
I often sit and cry,
Thinking of my mother and little brother
In the cold graves where they lie.

BIRD.—A token of everlasting love to the memory of my darling mother, Agnes Bird, who departed this life May 24, 1902, at 162 Botany-street, Waterloo, aged 51 years; also my dear little brother, Willie, who died May 29, 1901, at 15 Kensington-street, Waterloo, aged 5 years and 3 months.

For many years our family chain
Was firmly linked together,
But, oh, that chain is broken now—
Two links have gone for ever.

Inserted by her loving son, Albert. May they rest in peace.

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No matter how we pray,
No matter how we call,
There is nothing left answer
But her picture on the wall.
There, oh, there, in heaven above,
Lives our Willie, our dear little love.

BIRD.—In sad but loving memory of my dear daughter, Agnes Bird, who departed this life 24th May, 1902, at Waterloo. May her soul rest in peace. Inserted by her loving mother, Margaret Wild, Mitchell-street, Glebe.

BIRD.—In sad but loving memory of our dear sister and aunt, Agnes Bird, who departed this lift 24th May, 1902, at Waterloo. Inserted by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Conlon and family, 100 Glebe-street, Glebe. Dead, but not forgotten.

CHAMBERS.—In loving memory of Francis Leslie Chambers (Chatswood), who died at the Coast Hospital, Little Bay, on May 24, 1903, aged 7 years and 5 months. Inserted by his parents.

CORISH.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Andrew Corish, who departed this life May 24, 1898. "Though lost to sight, to memory ever dear." Inserted by his loving wife and family.

DOVE.—In memory of Charles Dove, drowned in the Culgoa River, May 24th, 1883. Inserted by his mother and brother.

LARKIN.—In fond and loving memory of our dear mother, Margaret Larkin, who departed this life May 24, 1903, at her residence, No. 4 Myrtle-street, city. May Almighty God have mercy on her soul.

Dearest mother, thou hast left us,
We thy loss most deeply feel;
But 'tis God who hath bereft us,
He can all our sorrows heal.
O, silent grave, to thee we trust
This precious part of earthly dust;
Guard it safely, sacred tomb,
Till we, her children, ask for room.

Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Mrs. and Mr. D. S. Farrell, of Annandale.

LARKIN.—In loving remembrance of our dear mother, Margaret Larkin, who departed this life May 24, 1903, at her residence, No. 4 Myrtle-street, city. May her soul rest in peace.

What is home without a mother,
Oft we miss her loving face,
None like her could share our sorrow,
None could fill dear mother's place.

Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Bridget and William Peck, of Picton.

LARKIN.—In sad but loving memory of my darling mother, who died May 24, 1903, at her late residence, No. 4 Myrtle-street, city.

You're not forgotten, mother dear,
Nor will you ever be,
As long as life and memory last,
I will remember thee.

Inserted by her loving son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Larkin.

LAPPAN.—In sad but loving memory of our darling daughter, Muriel Winifred, who died at her parents' residence, Wells-street, Newtown, May 24, 1902, aged 13½. Inserted by her loving father and mother, David and Harriet Lappan.

How we miss her none can tell.

MARTZ.—In loving remembrance of our dear father and husband, Herman Martz, who died May 24, 1902. At rest. Inserted by his loving wife, F. Martz.

ROBINSON.—In fond and loving memory of our dear husband and father, who died 24th May, 1902. Inserted by his loving wife and family.

TORY.—In loving remembrance of my dear husband and our dear father, George Tory, who died May 24, 1891. Inserted by his loving wife and children.

WALLACE.—In sad and loving memory of my dear father, George Wallace, who departed this life at Young, May 24, 1902. Rest in peace. Inserted by his loving daughter, Nellie Wallace.

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THE QUESTION OF THE CAPITAL.

While Federal politicians are wrangling and disagreeing among themselves, and while the Commonwealth more or less patiently awaits their return to a working frame of mind, the perennial question of the capital thrusts itself forward again. The Ministry promises that early attention shall be given to the subject, but this promise has been made so often that public opinion is not unduly excited by the new assurance. It would certainly be an odd development of this capital question if, after it had been made the plaything and sport of Ministers and politicians during the whole term of the first Federal Parliament, a Labour Ministry should definitely decide it after all. The somewhat belated interest of Sir John Forrest in the question seems to show that there was something in the subject that the first Parliament failed to recognise and turn to account. When the history of this business of the capital comes to be written it is not improbable that the historian will be able to compile some spicy chapters on interstate jealousy and intrigue, and on the slight estimation in which certain fundamental Federal obligations have been held. But these are matters that only fall into their due perspective after the lapse of time, and at present we are mainly interested in what Ministers propose to do and how they propose to do it.

The Senate will probably be called upon to recommend one of three sites—in the Tumut, Bombala, or Carcoar districts. The last comes late into the field, but then it has to be remembered that two Ministers were personally interested in advocating the claims of the other two sites, and the rest of the late Ministry were apparently concerned in leaving the question to be decided or postponed by the squabble between them. One result of the change of Government has been to put an end to that state of things, and we may now perhaps be permitted to assume that the three claimants start fair again. The claims of the Carcoar district—the Lyndhurst site, as it has now defined itself—have not received all the attention they merited in the past, but they have come to the front recently. It is a central site so far as the eastern States are concerned, and free from many of the obvious objections to the Tumut and Bombala districts. The main difficulty in its way is suggested by the question of an adequate water supply. Mr. Oliver's report on evidence taken on March 27, 1900, showed that "there is a choice of supply, and a number of catchment areas are shown on the plan. Any one of the Brown's Creek, Belubula River, or Coombing Creek sources of supply would be sufficient for a city of 40,000 inhabitants." Other sources of supply were mentioned, and the Carcoar-Garland site was estimated to cost £200,000 for resumption. It may be that this question of the water supply will require further investigation, though Mr. Watson appears to think that his personal knowledge of the district is sufficient to dispense with the need for a survey. But it is not amiss to point out that this matter of an adequate water supply for the Federal capital is a most important one. Meanwhile, before the Lyndhurst people take their position seriously, we may point out that the bill now before the Senate threatens to miscarry. It follows the bad precedent of the last Government's bill in respect of leaving the site a blank to become a dispute between the Houses of Parliament and of insisting upon the larger area, which Sir John See has already said would not be conceded by this State.

THE SURPLUS LANDS SALE.

The attempted sale of surplus lands near the new railway station represents another count in the indictment against the See Government. Had there been a successful disposal of the allotments at the upset prices exception could still have been taken to the rushing of the property into the market, on the avowed policy of the Minister for Works himself. Either he was right or wrong in his original designs and intentions with respect to the approaches to the Central Station. To hold the lands at one time when things were booming and now to hurry to dispose of them because times are hard represent opposite poles of policy, and would need explanation whatever happened. But with the fact of a fiasco we have been compelled through the folly of the Government to appear as unable to dispose of eligible blocks in the heart of the city at reasonable rates. That is to say, Sir John See and his colleagues, while girding at the press for crying down the credit of the State, have taken a step which is infinitely worse than the worst they charge other people with. We can see, of course, that several things have combined to force the fiasco. In the first place there is a very definite feeling among investors against the attempt to place slum areas anywhere either within or without the city boundaries. That the Government recognised this before the sale is to be seen in the hurried way in which certain amendments were made as the result of Alderman Thomas Hughes' protests. Then, again, it is as clear as the daylight that a period of stagnation brought about by Government extravagance is not the time to offer property with reserve prices upon it. People with capital are not disposed to invest it until they know where they are; and at present they have the best of reasons for waiting until confidence is restored. Moreover, it remains to be seen whether the Central Station will be finished in anything like reasonable time. There is too much doubt about the future in that particular, and the upset prices of the properties offered yesterday were based upon a station in full swing. The argument could be continued on these lines, but it is sufficient to remark that if the Government had sought for some way of setting up a glaring final placard of its unfitness for office it could not have found one more effective for the purpose.

THE THRALDOM OF UNIONISM.

Yesterday we published two letters under this heading which throw a white light on the real working of the form of Labour rule which Mr. Reid describes as reducing the workers to the condition of "slaves of a tyrannical democracy." It is not a complex instance. There is no difficult question of technical conditions involved. The matter is merely one of day labourers working on the wharfs. Here, at any rate, it might be reasonably surmised that the only question that could arise would be as to the willingness and the physical capability of applicants to do the work required. It is easy to sympathise heartily with the hard case of the man who has to sue in vain to employers, as the poet puts it, "to give him leave to toil." But the employer may not be a free agent. He may be controlled by all sorts of financial and economic conditions. In such a case the willing worker ought to be able to turn for sympathy to those of his own class, and under organised labour conditions the presumption is that they would not only be willing but able to assist him. Our correspondents, however, describe a very different state of things. Two of them were in the position of men already in employment, but apparently they were then content to do a fair day's work for a fair wage without becoming members of any union. Suddenly they find themselves confronted by a new set of conditions, which are best described in their own words. One of these letters says that "finding since the constitution of the Arbitration Court that preference regarding all work must be given to unionists, I and others were desirous of becoming members of the above (Wharf Labourers') union, so as to be able to continue working without being molested as non-unionists."

Up to this point the situation presents no difficulties. The men were non-unionists, the Arbitration Court brought a certain amount of coercion to bear upon them, and they at once submitted. But what did these men find? First, that their names and subscriptions to the union were refused; then, that they were told the lists were closed; next, that the applicants had no hope of being able to join the union; and, finally, that if they questioned the legal right of the unions to make arbitrary and exclusive laws of this character they must settle the question for themselves and at their own expense. "That is for you to find out," was the secretary's reply when the question was put to him. It does not appear from our correspondents' account of their subsequent dealings with the Registrar that they received much satisfaction or assistance in that quarter. There seems to exist at present a great deal of official uncertainty if not of grievous misapprehension on this particular point. At any rate between the secretary of the Wharf Labourers' Union on the one hand and the Registrar of the Arbitration Court on the other our unfortunate correspondents seem to have found themselves in a sad plight. The fact that their means of livelihood and that of those dependent on them were affected is, of course, beside the question. Neither the secretary nor the Registrar could be expected to take cognisance of that. So far as our correspondents are concerned it was a case of the upper and nether millstone—of the Arbitration Court and the Wharf Labourers' Union. Is it any wonder that the situation squeezes the cry of distress from these sufferers that "it is the bounden duty of the Court that made this rule anent preference to unionists to see that no obstacle is placed in the road of men desirous of joining the ranks of any union that covers the work they have a chance of following."

SUGAR-GROWING AND WHITE LABOUR.

When Mr. Kenna, member for Bowen, made the general statement recently that after a three weeks' tour in the Bowen, Burdekin, and Mackay districts he had spoken to no cane-grower who had tried white labour and been disappointed, he was no doubt anxious to justify the policy of his party. It looks, now, however, as if he had protested overmuch. In the light of the letter published in our columns yesterday from Mr. A. C. Macdonald, secretary of one of the sugar estates in Northern Queensland, we are impelled to believe that Mr. Kenna has allowed the wish to be father of his thought. Quoting from the report of the manager of the Glen Isla Estate, our correspondent shows that matters are the reverse of what Mr. Kenna so confidently advertises them to be. The quantity of the cane cut last October decreased week by week, and the mill was frequently at a standstill, with 150 hands idle in consequence. Yet the drink bill amounted to £180 per week, "or at the rate of 10s 8d per head, equal to 39 per cent. of the earnings of 350 men." Comment is hardly necessary in the face of such figures. It may be remarked in such connection that Mr. Kenna's generalities have been met twice within a month by definite facts, which prove conclusively that the sugar industry in Northern Queensland must either depend upon coloured labour or go down. White labour may be equal to the strain of keeping the mills going, but it cannot be depended on. Perhaps Mr. Kenna and his friends will remark that the large estates may suffer, but they do not trouble about them. The mere capitalist cannot expect any sympathy under the circumstances, it will be argued; and since the small man can rub along with a bonus all must be well.

There is a double reply to such cynical argument. In sugar-growing the large and small man will stand and fall together. They cannot be separated. No doubt the Government may be forced under pressure of the socialists in Queensland, who now hold the reins, to run the mills, but the end will be the same. Sooner or later the general taxpayer will refuse to carry a burden which should be borne by private enterprise, and by private enterprise with large capital behind it. But the second consideration is that if the kanaka is to be bowed or kicked out, the Chinaman will not only take his place but the place of the white grower into the bargain. Queensland will simply attract the Celestials from other States, and the last state of the industry, from a White Australia point of view, will be worse than the first. What, for instance, have Mr. Kenna and the Labour party to say to the leasing of 1250 acres near Hambleton in the Cairns district to Jimmy Ah Ling? This was land designed for apportionment among white men, but the proprietors have become so doubtful about the outlook that they have put it into the hands of a man who will be able to command coloured labour without reference to Commonwealth legislation. This new development has a very sinister promise in it; and before Mr. Kenna talks of a state of things that he no doubt sincerely hopes and wishes to be consummated, he had better study the facts and discuss tendencies.

A CLEAN WATER SUPPLY.

So much of the health of the community depends upon the cleanliness of the water supply that it is eminently satisfactory to find that conditions subserving this end are more favourable now than they were a few years ago. The sources of the supply upon which the residents of Sydney rely are so inextricably mixed up with the spread of population that, unless due care is exercised, the water furnished to the citizens will be a cause of infection rather than a guard against the encroachments of disease. If people come and live alongside the sources of our water supply there is imminent danger that, with or without fault of their own, the water may become contaminated and so become a prolific nursery of maladies. Of course the water is filtered before it comes into consumption, but no mechanism which has yet been devised is able to prevent the insignificant bacillus from finding its way into the service pipes. Hence it is abundantly desirable that every precaution should be used to make the source of our water supply free from all possibilities of evil. But no precaution would be serviceable, if we may judge from the report of the medical adviser to the Water and Sewerage Board, which does not include the granting of such powers to the board as will give it authority to exercise full control over the watershed, to divert and stop up all public roads, to clear away all human dwellings and all animal life, and to prevent the possibility of decaying vegetable matter being carried into the water supply.

It goes without saying that the excellence of the water supply of any city is in direct proportion to its purity. There has been for some time past an inclination on the part of persons concerned in the ownership of land adjacent to the sources of supply to let the land for pasturage purposes. Cattle have been allowed to pasture on these places, with the result which need only be suggested, but which is fully set forth in the extracts from Dr. Mailler Kendall's report which we publish elsewhere. We need only concern ourselves with one sentence of this report in this regard—and that is one sentence which declares that "it cannot be too forcibly impressed on any authority that as long as there is a single hoof on any catchment area so long will the purity of the supply be continually menaced." In view of this pronouncement, which might be backed up by authorities from all parts of the world, it may be hoped that steps will at once be taken to remove the evil indicated. With the cattle will of course go all other animals—from men down to pigs. There is a place for all things, but the place for human habitations and for dairy farms and piggeries is not within the catchment area. Still less should it be possible for cemeteries to be allowed to exist herein. It may of course be true that the cemeteries and the other institutions concerned were in existence before the catchment area was established, but their antiquity, so far from saving them, is another argument for their peaceable but effective removal. There is plenty of room in the wide expanse of New South Wales for human beings and for the dairies and other establishments to which the health officer of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage draws attention, and no time should be lost in shifting undesirables away from the catchment area. The pressing necessity is that the water supply should be pure, and that it should not be made the means of introducing and fostering disease.

MR. WISE IN REPLY.

It is perhaps hardly fair to our readers to take Mr. Wise seriously in the reply we publish this morning to our criticisms of last week. Like the Local Government Convention now sitting, the electioneering side of his argument is so manifest that there is some danger of treating as heavy guns what are really Chinese crackers. The truth, of course, is that the Acting Premier is making a great noise, Chinese fashion, to distract the attention of a certain deity known as the public. His earnest advertisement again of the marvellous accession of something over eight thousand souls to the population of New South Wales in four years might be passed altogether were it not that he practically denies any losses. According to his view of the position this State has lost neither population nor capital, and yet there is hardly a family in it that has not either a relative or friend away in other parts of Australia or overseas as the result of restriction or dissatisfaction, and capital has gone with them. This is a matter for the average reader, and we leave it to him. It will be noticed that Mr. Wise has nothing to say about Canada or about the emigration of quarter of a million people from British borders last year that did not benefit us. He bears hard upon a small influx of people, many of whom have come from Victoria, whose sorry plight is to be seen in recent figures. We certainly have room, and Victoria suffers; but it is left to Mr. Wise to rejoice at the game of beggar my neighbour in a Commonwealth that needs fresh blood if it is to prosper. It would be interesting to hear him deal with this gain of New South Wales at the expense of other States if by any unhappy chance he were appointed High Commissioner of Australia in London.

The Acting Premier quibbles, too, in his dealing with the banking figures of the State. He assumed last week that the rates of exchange were the only indications to go by in judging of the capital that is passing out, and we pointed out that the movements of gold must also be considered. Now we are told in effect that, although gold is an integral part of the financial machinery of the State, it does not matter much what happens to it. Then to get over a manifest difficulty we are asked to note that the amount of gold in the hands of the banks has increased of late. Curiously enough Mr. Waddell says he has been piling up his credit balances, and the two things may be taken together. The fact of the matter is that wherever one turns one is met with the financial jugglery of the See Government. Mr. Wise asks us now to look at the imports and exports! The Government has borrowed hard and often, and the money has come to us in the shape of much goods; therefore we must be prosperous, argues the Acting Premier. Then as to the multiplying of deposits in the banks and the decrease of advances, we might ask Mr. Wise if he remembers the financial crisis of 1893. Money was poured into the Savings Banks then, but no one except perhaps a politician in extremity would have dared to quote the returns as a sign of the abounding prosperity of the people. We do not compare the present with the past in this respect, but we repeat that money forced upon the banks is not always a sign of confidence in those who happen to be governing the country.

Movements of Ministers.—Mr. J. Kidd, Minister for Agriculture, returned to Sydney yesterday, and was busy all day in connection with various departmental matters. The only other Ministers in town were the Acting Premier (Mr. B. R. Wise) and Mr. E. W. O'Sullivan (Minister for Works). The State Treasurer (Mr. Waddell) will be in attendance at his office to-day. The Premier and Mr. Crick (Minister for Lands) are expected to arrive in Sydney from New Zealand on Friday next.

A Very Fearless Ministry.—The Acting Premier was again at considerable pains yesterday to assure the public that his Local Government Convention was to assist, not to supplant Cabinet or Parliament. But a very mild-looking gentleman from a far-distant part presented Mr. Wise with a poser. Supposing the convention decided against the residential qualification, which was a vital part of the bill, what would the Government do? It was inconsiderate of the delegate, to say the least. The superficial observer might have expected Mr. Wise to declare that in such case the convention could pack up and go home. But he did not. He asked not to be pressed for an answer. However, he gave one. "Every conclusion arrived at would have the utmost weight with the Government. He was not likely to set up his opinions against those of practical men." That was extremely mollifying, and gave the cue to future Ministerial intentions. Any bill submitted to Parliament by the present Government would be that of practical men, and members of Parliament would touch it at their peril. There was no studied speechmaking at the meeting; each man put his views succinctly. One delegate caused great merriment by the ingenuous admission that his instructions were not to take sides aggressively, but to vote with the majority. But as it was hard to ascertain who were the majority, he would vote against the proposal.

The Local Government Convention.—Mr. Wise's counsellors from the country proceeded to discuss the Ministerial suggestions for local government yesterday. The Masonic Hall was given over to this bucolic-cum-municipal parliament, and whatever the bona fides of the scheme from a Cabinet point of view are, the delegates took it all very seriously. Indeed, the 200 or less men comprising the meeting were so really earnest that they began by knocking one of the convener's proposals on the head because it savoured of delay. The business syllabus allotted the whole of the first day and the major part of the second for a general discussion. But the convention was emphatic in declaring its familiarity with the abstract proposition, and closed the discussion in quick time. Clearly the Government had not understood the mood of the country in that direction. Therefore Mr. Wise scored an early success; the convention was designed to help him to understand the feeling of the country, and it taught him one point without loss of time. Then it jumped to the question, "Should the whole of the State be incorporated?" and ultimately answered it in the affirmative. But the answer conveyed nothing new. The country has notoriously wanted local government for years, and no doubt the question was submitted merely by way of approaching the subject. So far, then, the convention has not achieved great things, and those of the general public who, in addition to yesterday's average attendance of 20, are eager to personally observe the solution of the problem, may yet have their desire gratified. That is to say, of the much that is Ministerially expected little has yet been achieved.

A Large Claim.—During the hearing of a matter in dispute between the Perpetual Trustee Company, Limited, and the Railway Commissioners, before the Full Court yesterday, it transpired that the company named claimed £25,000 for the loss they had sustained in royalties owing to the resumption of certain coal lands at Teralba for railway purposes. The Railway Commissioners had offered £5000, and a short time ago the Trustee Company submitted the matter to arbitration, but the defendants objected on the ground that the company, being the owners and not the lessees of the land, had proceeded under a section of the Public Works Act of 1900 which did not apply to them. The arbitrators referred the matter to the Full Court, which decided the point in favour of the Commissioners. During the discussion the Chief Justice said that the difficulty appeared to have arisen from the consolidators introducing words into the 135th section of the Act which were not there originally. It may be mentioned that the land in question is the same as that in regard to which the Pacific Steam Coal Company (who were the lessees) obtained compensation from a jury some months ago.

Sale of City Lands.—At a special Cabinet meeting yesterday morning, presided over by Mr. B. R. Wise, Acting Premier, the suggestions made by the City Council for an alteration of the plans in connection with the sale of Government lands in the vicinity of the new railway station were considered. The Lord Mayor (Alderman S. E. Lees) and the Town Clerk were present by invitation. Certain alterations were agreed upon by which the frontages of some of the allotments would be improved, and better means of access provided, while the width of a lane separating some of the blocks was increased from 10 feet to 20 feet. Although these alterations slightly reduced the area to be sold, it was considered that the reduction would be more than compensated for by the enhanced value of the allotments. The sale took place later in the day, when only nine lots were disposed of, the total amount realised being £3631. The other allotments failed to reach the reserve placed upon them.

Queen Victoria Memorial Scholarship.—Lady Rawson has kindly promised to hold a drawing-room meeting at Cranbrook on June 17, in support of the movement to collect a fund for a Queen Victoria Memorial Scholarship, to be given to the best girl matriculant, to enable her to pursue her studies at the University. As has been advertised, the subscription of one penny and upwards is invited from every child in New South Wales, such subscriptions to be received on May 24, the anniversary of the late Queen's birthday. If the response to this appeal is general, the fund will be placed on a fairly satisfactory basis. Particulars as to contributions were advertised in Saturday's "Herald."

The Public Health.—During the fortnight ended May 19 91 cases of typhoid fever in various parts of New South Wales were reported to the Board of Health, 32 being from the metropolitan districts, 13 from the Hunter River districts, and 46 from the remainder of the State. The deaths numbered eight, of which six occurred in the metropolis. Of scarlet fever there were 154 cases, 36 being from the metropolitan districts, 15 from the Hunter River districts, and 103 from the remainder of the State. Only two of these proved fatal. The Hunter River districts were free of diphtheria, but there were 35 cases in the metropolis, of which two proved fatal, and 46 elsewhere, of which three resulted in death. In the city there was one case of plague.

New Caledonia.—Our Nouméa correspondent writes that at a meeting of the newly elected municipal council Monsieur Charles Loupias was re-elected Mayor for the third time. On May 5 there passed away another old New Caledonian colonist in the person of Martino Arduser. He had reached the age of 75 years, and first came to the colony in 1873. Consequent upon the retrenchment policy of the local Government, there is a large exodus of Civil servants and their families, who are returning to France every month. As these officers are not to be replaced, the effect of their absence will be felt by the commercial community. By the steamer Pacifique Ahmed El Mokrani, an Algerian chief, who, after 35 years of exile has received a free pardon, returned to the land of his birth. He was always held in great respect by his compatriots in New Caledonia, and had great influence over them.

Poultry Club Annual Show.—The eighth annual show of the Poultry Club of New South Wales, which will be officially opened by Sir Harry H. Rawson at 3 p.m. to-morrow (Wednesday), will include 1100 exhibits of the best birds in the State. The entry of black Orpingtons (110) is a record for this State. The show will remain open until and including next Saturday.

Net Fishermen's Difficulties.—For years past net fishermen have complained that they have not had a fair proportion of the price paid by the consumers of fish, and the consumers have also realised that they have been obliged to pay twice and sometimes three times as much for their fish retail as the catchers get returned to them. Withal the supply has been irregular and unsatisfactory. One week there may be a glut in the market, and the next something akin to a famine. With a view to securing an equitable adjustment between wholesale buyers or hawkers and the catchers some of the net fishermen have banded together, appointed their own auctioneer at a nominal salary, and are now carrying on business practically for themselves. The scheme is at present in its experimental stages, but if carried out on a sound basis and on a larger scale should do something towards cheapening the fish for the public, while returning catchers an amount that they would deem satisfactory for their labour. The innovation is being closely watched by the trade generally.

The Canadian Mail Service.—A cable message to the Union S.S. Co. advises the arrival of the R.M.S. Manuka at Suva yesterday. As she left Brisbane on Thursday last, she has thus crossed from Australia to Fiji in about four days, establishing a new Pacific record. After the passengers had spent some hours on shore the ship proceeded to Honolulu, where a day will be spent, affording an opportunity to visit the points of interest. The Manuka is due in Vancouver on June 9, but will probably reach there two days earlier.

The Incoming American Mail.—Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co., Ltd., managing agents for the Oceanic S.S. Co.'s A. and A. Line, are in receipt of a cable message from Auckland advising the arrival of the R.M.S. Sierra at that port yesterday morning after a fast run across the Pacific. The Sierra was not due there until this afternoon. She left Auckland last night, and will arrive here on the morning of Friday next—fully a day ahead of time. The Sierra brings British mails to date of April 23, and American files of May 5.

On Saturday last a number of students from the Technical College, accompanied by their teacher, Mrs. S. E. Cook, B.A., B.Sc., visited National Park for the purpose of a practical lesson in field botany.

We have received the annual report of the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce for 1903-4, and "A Ratio of Values" (Federal capital sites) by Mr. W. Astley.

Mr. C. S. Allen, of Chatswood, points out that the date of Thurtell's execution was wrongly given in Mr. Lucy's letter in the "Herald" of Saturday. The date in question was January 9, 1824.

A lecture on "Giant Evils" was delivered in the Y.M.C.A. Hall last night by Mr. J. T. Leafe, of London. He will speak to-night on "Work in the Slums of London."

The amount received in stamp duty for the week ended 21st inst was £2728 3s 5d.

A resident of Arthur-street, Lavender Bay, complains of the state of that thoroughfare, which he states is in urgent need of repair.

THE RIVERINA ELECTION.

THE COMPLETE RETURNS.

MAJORITY FOR MR. CHANTER, 363.

DENILIQUIN, Monday.

The final returns received to-day by Mr. W. A. Newman, Divisional Returning Officer for the election of a member for the Riverina electorate, give Mr. Chanter a majority of 363 votes. The following are the returns from 19 counting centres:—

	Blackwood.	Chanter.	Informal.
Deniliquin	1110	1068	15
Balranald	209	325	6
Berrigan	359	475	30
Booligal	118	105	2
Carrathool	127	147	—
Euabalong	149	89	2
Hay	783	656	6
Hillston	242	205	4
Jerilderie	597	896	9
Mathoura	103	135	1
Menindie	51	122	1
Moama	426	370	4
Mount Hope	44	41	—
Mulwala	66	171	4
Pooncarie	56	80	2
Tocumwal	101	247	4
Urana	100	107	8
Wentworth	192	310	1
Whitton	262	257	—
Postal votes	172	177	162
Totals	5184	5547	264

Total votes, 10,995. The total at the last general election was 8734.

DARING ATTEMPTED MINE ROBBERY.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

A sensational attempt was made to rob the battery of the New Stirling Gold Mining Company, Stirling, after the clean-up last week. The mine manager had removed the copper plates from the tables of the battery to the engine-house, where the engine-driver was at work. At about 2 o'clock on Wednesday morning last, while the engine-driver and braceman were at work, several men entered the premises through the tunnel, which communicates with the battery-house, and attempted to remove the plates. The engine-driver rang the alarm for the men working in the mine to come to the surface, when he was assailed by the would-be robbers with lumps of quartz, one piece smashing the lamp above the engineer's head. The engineer remained at his post, and hauled the shiftmen up. The party then pursued the thieves, who ran along the tunnel. At the entrance they turned and showered stones upon their pursuers, who were forced to retreat. In the darkness of early morning the intruders escaped. Mr. Sergeant, the mine manager, reported the matter to the police to-day.

TO-DAY.

Child Study Association: Town Hall, 4 p.m.
Y.M.C.A.: Address by Mr. J. T. Leafe, 8 p.m.
St. Jude's Institute, Randwick: Lantern Lecture, 8 p.m.
Pitt-street Congregational Church Anniversary: Annual Tea and Public Meeting, 6.30 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Address by Mrs. Hamilton-Grey: School of Arts, 8 p.m.
Protestant Church of England Union: St. Barnabas' Church, George-street West, 5 and 7.30 p.m.
Montefiore Home Ball: Town Hall, 8.30 p.m.
Her Majesty's Theatre: "Raffles," 8 p.m.
Criterion Theatre: "The Marriage of Kitty," 8 p.m.
Theatre Royal: "The Golden Ladder," 8 p.m.
Palace Theatre: Nawn's Comedy Company, 8 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville, 8 p.m.
Queen's Hall: "The Sydney Muffs," 8 p.m.
Zoological Gardens: Moore Park, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Fitzgerald Brothers' Circus: Belmore Park, 8 p.m.
Cyclorama: George-street, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

PERSONAL.

VICE-REGAL.

Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Northcote will give dinner parties at Government House this evening and on Wednesday evening.

DEATH OF DR. FRASER AT AMBRYM.

The death was announced on May 2, at the island of Ambrym, in the New Hebrides group, of Dr. R. Fraser, LL.D., of Victoria. Owing to a telegraphic ambiguity, it was at first thought that the Rev. R. M. Fraser, of Epi, was the one whose demise was reported, and a brief sketch of the career of the latter appeared in the "Herald." The Rev. R. M. Fraser, at latest report, was with his family, alive and well. Dr. Fraser went in April last to Malikula, from Sydney, on a visit to the Rev. F. G. Paton, a missionary of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria. His trip was partly for health and partly for pleasure. As editor of "Erromanga, the Martyr Isle," written by the Rev. Dr. H. A. Robertson, of Erromanga, he was anxious to see the islanders, and study their languages and habits. In November the late doctor, who was over 70 years of age, went to the Dillon's Bay settlement in Erromanga, instead of returning to Sydney for the hot weather. The heat and rains that made the island summer unpleasant affected him prejudicially, and he was stricken by paralysis in January. He left Erromanga ill, and the Tambo conveyed him to Port Vila, where the French doctor advised him to make for a hospital. Accordingly Dr. Fraser was taken to the hospital at Ambrym, where there is an English medical man, but he did not live long. Born in Scotland, Dr. Fraser was a deep student, and took his LL.D., with distinction. He was for some years engaged in school work, but latterly had given his time almost exclusively to the acquisition of anthropological knowledge. He leaves no family.

Mr. G. H. Reid has promised to speak at the annual meeting of the Sydney City Mission, to be held on May 31, in the Town Hall, if he is in Sydney.

Our Auckland correspondent cabled last night:—Sir John See and party, and Mr. Crick left to-day by the Sierra for Sydney.

His Excellency Sir Reginald Talbot, Governor of Victoria, and Captain Buchanan, A.D.C., have joined the Caulfield golf links, and intend devoting a good deal of time to the game. His Excellency is an enthusiastic golfer.

There is now on view at the studio of Mr. Nelson Illingworth a newly-completed bust of the Hon. John Hughes, M.L.C. The sculptor some time ago made a great success with his counterfeit presentment of Mr. Thomas Hughes, at that time Lord Mayor of Sydney, and this fact no doubt led to the execution of the portrait now under review. The bust, which is at present in clay, is life-size, and presents an animated likeness of the well-known lawyer.

At the Protestant Hall last night, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lovely were entertained at a conversazione by their friends in commemoration of their silver wedding. During the evening a musical and instrumental programme was gone through, and the Lord Mayor (Alderman S. E. Lees) presented Mr. and Mrs. Lovely with a handsome silver tea and coffee service on a silver salver, suitably inscribed. In making the presentation Alderman Lees spoke of Mr. Lovely's good qualities, and referred specially to his charitable acts. Mr. Lovely suitably responded.

On Saturday evening last the members of the Players Club entertained Mr. W. J. Curtis, M.A., LL.B., at dinner at the A.B.C. rooms, Pitt-street. Mr. Curtis was the recipient of an illuminated address signed by the members of the club, in which they congratulated him upon his success at the recent University examinations, and expressed their appreciation of the good work he had done in connection with the amateur stage. He was also presented with a handsome silver inkstand and pen.

Our Wellington (N.Z.) correspondent cabled last night:—Mr. Stenton Workman, probably the last of the old whalers, of New Zealand, has died at Petone, aged 84 years. Mr. Workman first arrived in the colony 70 years ago.

The Chief Justice of Western Australia, Sir Edward Stone, accompanied by Lady Stone, left Perth yesterday for England by the R.M.S. Marmora on a health trip.

Mr. A. D. Handyside, M.L.A. for the district of Victoria and Albert, South Australia, was found dead at Struhan House, near Naracoorte, yesterday morning. He retired on Sunday night in the best of health. His sudden death has caused extreme regret.

RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS ON TOUR.

GOULBURN, Monday.

A deputation from the Progress Committee waited upon the Railway Commissioners this morning on their arrival for their annual inspection, and preferred a number of requests. Messrs. Oliver and Fehon were accompanied by Messrs. Harper, Richardson, Fraser, Loughry, and other officers. The subjects mentioned by the deputation included the restoration of tourist tickets, alteration of Saturday trains on the Crookwell line, removal of the Goulburn trucking yards, and the unpunctual running of the express from Melbourne. It was suggested that the scalping of tickets could be got over by issuing single tickets only. Reduced rates were also recommended.

Mr. Oliver, in reply, promised to consider the representations. The Commissioners recognised that the tourist proper was suffering by the actions of others. At present, however, the question was not material, because the season was over, and before next season they would give the matter further consideration. The issue of single tickets was an easy thing to suggest, but when it came to be worked out it would be found to present many difficulties. The Commissioners had gone into the question, but nothing had yet been settled, and it would have to remain in abeyance. He was quite sure the proposal for cheap fares would be enthusiastically advocated throughout New South Wales. He was also satisfied that if it were given effect to it would end in disaster to the railways. They would look further into the question of the removal of the trucking yards, for the delay regarding which the Commissioners were not responsible. He was sorry it had been thought necessary to bring under notice the running of the express. As a rule the delay to that train arose from causes over which the New South Wales Department had no control. Steps had recently been taken by those responsible, and he thought the delays were not likely to recur. In conclusion, Mr. Oliver pointed out that the railways had to be administered, not only in the interests of the users, but of the people generally, who would have to pay for any loss.

BOWRAL, Monday.

Commissioners Oliver and Fehon, accompanied by Messrs. Harper (chief traffic manager), Richardson (superintendent of lines), and Milne (the local district inspector), visited Bowral this morning on their annual tour of inspection. Satisfaction was expressed at the appearance and upkeep of the railway premises, and it was agreed to proceed immediately with the lengthening of the passenger platform at the local station.

A deputation from the Bowral Tourist Association waited on the Commissioners and urged that the early morning train be so altered during the summer months as to reach Sydney at 8.50 a.m. on Mondays and on the day following public holidays, and at 9 o'clock on other days. The Commissioners recognised the importance of the proposed change, but said that the congested state of the line prevented any extra train being taken into Redfern Station at the times suggested. They promised, however, to let the deputation know at an early date how the train could be accelerated to reach Sydney as near as possible to the time asked.

MELBOURNE FOOTBALLERS FOR SYDNEY.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

The Essendon and Melbourne football teams, who are to play the premiership match on the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday next, left Melbourne to-day. The Essendon team left by the Kanowna, accompanied by their president, Mr. Kent Hughes, and under the management of Mr. W. [illegible]. The Melbourne men left by the Sydney [illegible] under the guidance of the hon. secretary, Mr. A. C. H. Norcott. The team will play against [illegible] castle, at Newcastle, on Wednesday, returning to Sydney the [illegible] evening.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

CONFIDENTIAL CABLES.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Monday.

Friction has arisen between the Minister for Defence and Major-General Hutton owing to the latter, in his communications by cable with the War Office, using a military cipher, and the nature of his communications are consequently unknown to the Minister. Senator Dawson takes the view that the Military Commandant, as an officer for the time exclusively in the employ of the Commonwealth, is not justified in sending secret service communications to the Home Government, the nature of which is unknown to the Cabinet; that he cannot, in fact, recommend any action to the Imperial Government which has not been sanctioned by the administrative heads. The Minister has asked Major-General Hutton to inform him as to the contents of cable message he has sent in cipher, and it is stated that the request has been refused on the ground that the General would not be justified in revealing the secret service code of the Home Government, and that if the contents of the messages alone were submitted to the Minister it would be possible by a comparison of the code message and translation for the cipher to become known. The risk was too great to be lightly incurred. The Minister has stated in reply that he has no desire to take any action which might incur any risk of the cipher becoming known to any person who should not be acquainted with it, but that as a matter of administrative authority he claims the right to be acquainted with the nature of the information cabled. The matter stands in that position at present.

TARCOOLA TELEGRAPH LINE.

From what appears to be the net result the construction of the Tarcoola telegraph line in South Australia it can hardly be [illegible] as a good speculation for the Commonwealth. The cost of it was approximately £12,000, and the business coming to it is so small that there is only a receiving office at the Tarcoola end, with very little business doing. This line was authorised when Senator Drake was Postmaster-General, and it is supposed to have been built as the result of political pressure.

BUNDABERG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The Minister for Customs has had a resolution of the Bundaberg Chamber of Commerce, with reference to an alteration in the sugar rebate regulations, to permit of the bounty being paid on sugar tended by white labour only for a period of 12 months previous to the bonus being payable, brought under his notice. He points out, in reply, that payment of the bonus is not governed by the regulations, but by the Sugar Bonus Act itself, which prohibits payment of a bonus on cane planted by coloured labour after February 28, 1903. To do as the Bundaberg Chamber of Commerce desires would necessitate an alteration of the Act, and there is not time this session even to think of such a thing.

MAJOR LENEHAN'S CASE.

The Minister for Defence has given further consideration to the papers connected with the case of Major Lenehan, and is confirmed in his opinion that fair play has not been extended to that officer. He will probably consult the Cabinet on the question of having an inquiry instituted to clear up the matter.

NEW SOUTH WALES REVENUE.

Though it is still six weeks to the end of the financial year, enough is shown in the Customs revenue returns, examined from week to week, to prove that there is every prospect that the estimate of the Federal Treasurer for New South Wales will be exceeded. Sir George Turner put down the receipts at £3,115,000, but it is now expected that it will be exceeded by at least £100,000.

IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION.

It has been arranged that Customs Inspector Donohue, of New South Wales, who is now in the north-western part of Western Australia, shall inquire into the efficiency of the officer entrusted with the duty of examining Italian immigrants at Fremantle. The Collector of Customs at Fremantle has been asked to appoint another officer to perform the duties temporarily.

COURTS-MARTIAL.

At to-day's meeting of the Executive Council, an order was passed, under which the Governor-General, in whom is vested the power of summoning courts-martial, has delegated his authority in that respect to the General Officer commanding the Forces, to State commandants, and to officers in command of districts. These officers have not only power to summon courts-martial, but to nominate officers to sit upon them, and to review sentences passed by the Courts. The authority by which this is done is derived from a section of the Defence Act.

MR. BENT AND THE COMMONWEALTH.

The Premier (Mr. Bent) says that from time to time he has seen statements insinuating that he has been guilty of discourtesy to the Commonwealth Government. He denies all such insinuations. All requests of the Commonwealth Government have received careful and prompt attention. With regard to the question of extra office accommodation, Mr. Bent points out that he offered the Commonwealth Government portions of the Exhibition Building. This offer was refused, and a request was made for the State Government offices in Spring-street. Altogether, about 200 State officers are working in those offices, and Mr. Bent says he is prepared to allow the public to say whether or not he did right in respectfully declining the Commonwealth Government's request in that instance.

THE MERRIE ENGLAND INCIDENT.

FURTHER ACCOUNT OF THE AFFRAY.

BRISBANE, Monday.

In connection with the Merrie England incident a business man, who is a passenger by the ketch Keera, which has arrived at Cooktown from New Guinea, asserts that he elicited the information at Port Moresby that the steamer went in close to Goaribari Island, and canoes, with women as well as men, came alongside in a friendly way and boarded the steamer. One man, who was pointed out as the Rev. Dr. Chalmers' murderer, was seized, and thereupon the natives jumped back into their canoes and opened fire with their arrows on the steamer, the native police, under command of the Governor, replying. It is asserted that a missionary, Mr. Jewell, ordered the Governor to cease firing, and then retired to his cabin, and remained there till the fracas was over. The natives probably considered the seizure of the alleged murderer a breach of faith, because in 1901 Sir George Le Hunte captured a prisoner during the first punitive expedition, and took him to Port Moresby. He was kept aboard the steamer, and was eventually returned home by the Governor with presents and the promise that the Merrie England should visit the tribes in a friendly way, and the natives were not to be afraid of the Government steamer. The prisoner, it is reported, is heavily ironed at Port Moresby.

S.S. TSINAN AT THURSDAY ISLAND.

DANGER FROM ABSENCE OF A LIGHT.

THURSDAY ISLAND, Monday.

The steamer Tsinan arrived to-day from China and the East. She brings the following passengers:—

For Brisbane: Mrs. Gever and child, Mrs. Tobin and family, Sergeant Tobin, Corporal Northcote, Pilots Birstead, Keatinge, and Captain Gerard.

For Sydney: Mesdames Ferguson, Tyndall, and infant, Misses Ferguson (3), Messrs. Tyndall, F. [illegible], Debeer, O'Sullivan, Lyons, Allen, Fauncoill, M'Grath, and Long.

For Melbourne: Mesdames Ingham, Taylor and infant, Miss Taylor, Mr. Taylor.

The voyage was uneventful, but Captain Lindsay reports a strong sea northwards outside Booby Island. The absence of the Proudfoot Shoal light makes the approach to Thursday Island exceedingly dangerous, as the soundings are a very poor guide as to a ship's whereabouts. When Booby Island was sighted the vessel had had a set of 10 miles northwards into an extremely dangerous position, the [illegible] having been given at noon.

THE WAR.

JAPANESE CONCENTRATING.

MOVEMENTS IN THE LIAO-YANG.

KAI-PING CAPTURED.

RUSSIAN VICTORY AT KIN-CHAU.

ENEMY'S SEVERE LOSSES.

THE HIGH SEAS MINED.

LONDON, May 23.

The correspondent of the "Times" aboard the despatch steamer Haimun reports that General Kuroki has halted to pull his force together for the advance in the heavy country towards Liao-yang, and to await the landing of the third army corps, which, when it advances will co-operate with him.

Meanwhile the two divisions of Lieutenant-General Oku, in the vicinity of Kin-chau, have been ordered to reduce Port Arthur.

The guns from the disabled Russian ships have been added to a succession of shore batteries covering the north-eastern approaches to Kin-chau, also the approaches to Dalny.

The "Times" correspondent considers that if the Russians maintain the attitude which their field works indicate Port Arthur will not fall without heavy sacrifices.

The garrison consists of 10,000 troops and 7000 blue-jackets.

Junks bring food to Pigeon Bay, on the opposite side of the Kwan-tung, and thence it is transported to the fortress.

The supply of coal is short, but the fortress has sufficient ammunition.

THE JAPANESE FORCES.

RUSSIAN ACCOUNT OF DISTRIBUTION.

LONDON, May 23.

General Kuropatkin reports that two Japanese divisions are at Feng-huan-cheng and in the vicinity, and that another division is half way between Feng-huan-cheng and Siu-yen, in the north of the Liao-tung.

Feng-huan-cheng is fortified.

THE CAPTURE OF KAI-PING.

FLIGHT OF THE RUSSIANS.

LONDON, May 23.

It is stated at Tokio that the Japanese have captured Kai-ping (Kai-chau), in the north of the Liaotung, on its western coast, and that the Russians have been driven towards Ying-kow, the port of Niuchwang.

Later.

The correspondent of the "Times" states that the Japanese having landed at Siung-yu-cheng, the Russians destroyed the railway thence to Kai-ping.

THE KIN-CHAU FIGHT.

THE RUSSIAN VERSION.

HEAVY JAPANESE LOSSES.

LONDON, May 22.

Conflicting reports have been received from St. Petersburg that Lieutenant-General Stoessel, the commandant of Port Arthur, having been advised by wireless telegraphy that a train with munitions and supplies was coming towards him, made a sortie from his fortress for the purpose of rescuing the train.

The Russians broke the line of the Japanese, barring the road, and forced them to retreat.

The Japanese lost 1000 men, and the Russians 150.

[The above appeared in a portion of yesterday's issue.]

May 23.

The supposed sortie reported from St. Petersburg was apparently a Russian unofficial version of the fight at Kin-chau on the 16th instant.

Lieutenant-General Stoessel reports that large bodies of Japanese appearing at San-shi-li-pu, about five miles to the north of Kin-chau, on the 15th instant, a detachment was sent from Port Arthur to investigate. This detachment discovered during the encounter on the following day that the Japanese consisted of two divisions of infantry with four batteries of artillery.

The Japanese sustained severe losses, and suspended their advance. The Russian casualties on the 14th, when the attempt of the Japanese to land at Kerr Bay, to the north of Ta-lien-wan, was repulsed, and on the 16th were one officer killed and 10 officers wounded, including General Nadeine, slightly wounded, and 150 men killed and wounded.

THE LOSS OF THE HATSUSE.

COVERING ARMY TRANSPORTS.

LONDON, May 23.

The correspondent of the "Times" aboard the Haimun reports that the Japanese battleship Hatsuse, which was sunk off Liao-ti-shan, at the extremity of the Kwan-tung, on the 15th instant, was lost while holding the Miao-tao Straits against torpedo attack for the passage of transports carrying a division of the third army corps, which landed at Siung-yu-cheng, near Kai-ping.

RUSSIAN FLOATING BLOCKADE.

MINES DRIFTING IN THE HIGH SEAS.

LONDON, May 23.

The defenders of Port Arthur, the correspondent of the "Times" states, are in a desperate mood. Realising the hopelessness of their position they sent launches and junks to sow mines about the port so as to form a floating blockade. These mines are now drifting about the high seas and into Chinese waters.

Naval officers of Great Britain and America severely criticise these tactics as violating the rights of nations.

A DARING RECONNAISSANCE.

SHELL'S DEADLY WORK.

LONDON, May 23.

The object of the daring reconnaissance by the Japanese torpedo-boat flotilla at the entrance of Port Arthur on Friday was accomplished. According to Reuter's correspondent a shell struck the torpedo-boat destroyer Akatsuki, killing 25 aboard of her, including an officer.

THE JAPANESE CAVALRY.

AUSTRALIAN HORSES IN USE.

LONDON, May 23.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the "Daily Mail" reports that the Japanese cavalry are provided with excellent Australian horses, full of staying power.

STRANDING OF THE BOGATYR.

LONDON, May 23.

The Russians, after denying that the Bogatyr, first-class cruiser, 6750 tons, was ashore at the entrance to Vladivostock, now admit that she was stranded in a fog. It is added that Rear-Admiral Jessen is trying to save her.

OREL AGAIN IN TROUBLE.

LONDON, May 23.

The Russian battleship Orel, 13,600 tons, which lately stranded in the Baltic, is now badly stranded near Kronstadt. Her bilge pipe was left open, and the battleship filled.

THE BALTIC FLEET.

A SECRET RENDEZVOUS.

LONDON, May 22.

The preparation of the Baltic fleet is proceeding with great vigour. It will probably leave the Baltic in two divisions, which will proceed to the seat of war by different routes, reassembling at a secret rendezvous.

[It was recently cabled that the orders for the preparation of the Baltic fleet for the Far East had been cancelled, and it was then generally expected that Russia, recognising the almost hopelessness of regaining command of the sea, intended not to risk her free fleet.]

[The above appeared in a portion of yesterday's issue.]

COMMENTS ON THE SITUATION.

The "Times'" correspondent has furnished the clearest and apparently the most reliable information that has come forward for some time. In the first place, General Kuroki is delaying his advance against Liao-yang until the 3rd Army Corps is able to co-operate from the vicinity of the Liao. This army has landed near Siung-yu-cheng, which is on the railway line about 25 miles south of Niuchwang. This is confirmation of the Tokio report that the Japanese have captured Kai-ping, and are driving the Russians towards Yin-kow, at the mouth of the Liao River. From their landing-place they marched northward to Kai-ping, which is a 40-miles march from Hai-cheng, and about 55 mils from Niuchwang. Meanwhile Baron Oku, with about 50,000 men, has received orders to capture Port Arthur. The attack on the famous fortress will be one of the most thrilling events in modern warfare. The artillery will take a prominent part, and the slaughter is certain to be tremendous. The "Times'" correspondent adds that the garrison of 17,000 fighting men is desperate. The fight will be one in which defenders, who have no possible line of retreat, who are cut off from help by sea, as well as by land, will have their liberty and the prestige of their country at stake, while the attacking army is one in which heroism is inherent and to which life is a small consideration if it be given for country and Emperor.

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The history of events in the East has been far different from the version given to the rest of the world. We now see that the Japanese have been in a desperate position so far as their anxiety to land an army corps on the west side of the peninsula was concerned. It was known that the passage of transports through the Miao-tao Straits would be exceedingly difficult unless Port Arthur was sealed. The time came when it was fully believed that the entrance was completely blocked. It is now clear that if ever the Russian warships, or rather the small fry in the shape of torpedo craft, were effectively bottled up, it was only temporarily. Certainly the Japanese were not able to get their transports through the tortuous and fog-shrouded straits before the Russian torpedo boats were again a menace to the Japanese ships. Russia, in fact, at Port Arthur, though terribly shattered in strength, was not altogether the overwhelmed quantity that has been imagined. The 3rd Army Corps was making a perilous passage around the Liao-ti-shan Promontory when the enemy's torpedo boats made a swift dash from the harbour. A report received on Sunday that the Russian torpedo flotilla had been destroyed looked like an error. As a matter of fact, the message has since been corrected, and now reads that the Japanese destroyers and torpedo boats were merely reconnoitring at Port Arthur on the 20th instant.

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The "Times" message not only shows that the Japanese have been menaced by difficulties that were unknown away from the seat of war, but also throws fresh light upon the loss of the great Japanese battleship Hatsuse. It stood to reason that with the Russian torpedo boats waiting for a sight of the transports, the Japanese should make provision for repelling any attack. The massive bulk of the magnificent Hatsuse was outlined conspicuously among the warships that covered the passage of the transports. In this respect it may be said that the Hatsuse was lost while in action, but she went down not because of a direct attack by the enemy, but by means of floating mines scattered indiscriminately in the Straits. This ruse of sending mines adrift could only be resorted to by a combatant who realised that his own sea power was completely destroyed for the time, and who relied upon what is vaguely called luck to grant him a success. The violation of other nations' rights to enjoy a safe fairway did not cause the Russians any qualms of conscience.

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The Russians claim to have heavily repulsed the Japanese by a sortie from Port Arthur. Doubt is thrown upon the statement that the Japanese sustained 1000 casualties. The cable messages are very conflicting to the last degree. The sortie, which would be at night time, is said to have been for the purpose of clearing the way for a train with supplies and munitions. If the Japanese assurances regarding recent events are correct, it was utterly impossible to get a train through to Port Arthur. Kuropatkin's statement that the Japanese are heavily in force at Feng-huan-cheng, thence S.S.W. 15 miles toward Sui-yen, sounds reliable. Both the towns named are connected by road with Antung, the Japanese base. While Kuropatkin at Liao-yang is in expectation of an early attack, Lieutent-General Stossel at Port Arthur has wired information to St. Petersburg that confirms the view that the Japanese have in contemplation a strenuous effort to capture the fortress before the Baltic squadron has a chance of reaching the East. San-shi-pu, where the Rusians discovered the enemy gathering their forces, is only a few miles north of Kin-chau. Mr. Hosie, a high authority on Manchuria, says of this part of the country, "Two and a half miles south of the Hung-kou-ho, a stream flowing west, brought us to the station of Shan-shi-pu. Passing the station of Shi-san-tsu with the sea visible a few miles to the west, we crossed the wide bed of a stream, and arrived at the station opposite the city of Kin-chau Ting, which lies at the base of hills on the north side of Kin-chau Bay. In the open country the Chinese are under Russian rule, but by entering the gates of the city they become amenable to Chinese authority. The city of Kin-chau lies at the north end of the narrow neck of land that separates Talien-wan and Kin-chau Bay, and the sea is visible from the railway on both sides, the country being flat from sea to sea."

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The Baltic Squadron is being prepared with feverish haste to proceed to the East. This development has previously been discussed. The fleet will have to be extremely fortunate to alter the naval situation. The journey by the north-east passage is improbable, although it is less than half the distance by the ordinary route (13,070 miles). The coaling difficulty will also be great. The Russian Navy, however, in the past has produced men capable of coping with great problems. Russian soldiers hear the names of Nakincoff, Istomine, Doubasoff, and others with profound respect, and it is only natural that there should be a burning desire to avenge to the utmost the death of Makaroff. The Russians may fail, the chances are they will, but it will not be without a struggle. Russian naval strength in the East has been further reduced by the plight of the cruiser Bogatyr, 6000 tons, 23 knots, 12 6-in. guns. She is the fastest of the cruiser squadron, while the Rurik is the lame duck.

QUEENSLAND.

FIRE BALL AT SEA.

A SENSATIONAL EXPERIENCE.

BRISBANE, Monday.

The ketch Keera, Captain Robertson, has arrived at Cooktown after visiting all the London Mission stations in New Guinea. The captain reports that when off the South Cape of New Guinea, there being a light wind and smooth sea, during the night of the 13th inst., a fire ball descended from the sky and exploded within six yards of the vessel's bow on the water. It was followed immediately by a vivid flash of lightning, blinding all hands on deck for two or three minutes, and succeeded by the heaviest thunder clap the captain ever heard in his 55 years' experience. The ketch was filled with sulphurous fumes, the sensation being as if the men were imprisoned in a room full of sulphur. The sensation remained for some hours.

MAINTENANCE OF THE HOSPITAL.

The financial position of the Brisbane Hospital has evidently made the Government determined that the time has arrived for the introduction of a new system of maintaining hospitals, the voluntary system having apparently broken down. One Minister stated to-day he was determined that the question of maintenance should be put on a better footing, and he hoped there would be time to do so during the session.

INTERSTATE HEALTH AUTHORITIES.

THE PROPOSED CONFERENCE.

Dr. Ham, Commissioner of Public Health, referring to the proposed conference of interstate health authorities, said he did not know who would represent Queensland, but whoever it was should insist upon uniformity being brought about in all the States, as he understood that one State Government, while anxious for a Federal quarantine law, was still more anxious to retain a limited control.

THE CROYDON ELECTION.

The latest returns for the Croydon election are:—Murphy, 386 votes; Rogers, 224; Thresedar, 26. One small return has yet to come but it will not affect the result.

THE PLAGUE OUTBREAK.

ANOTHER CASE.

A case of plague was reported this afternoon, the patient being a youth of 19 years employed at stables at Breakfast Creek. The produce used at the stables was supplied from a store within the infected area.

A LIBEL ACTION.

The action in which James Dalhousie Ramsay sued J. F. Millington and T. Birkett, proprietors of the Dalby "Herald and Record" for £2000 damages for defamation, was concluded in the Supreme Court before the Chief Justice to-night, after extending over several days. The jury returned a verdict for plaintiff for £500 damages.

The remains of Mr. John Harvey, who has been reported missing from Georgetown, North Queensland, since April 27, were found yesterday by an aboriginal, about two miles north of Georgetown, near a bridle track. Only a few bones were left, dingoes having evidently devoured the flesh and detached the bones from the body.

Messrs. Denham Brothers, on behalf of a southern firm, from whom the order was received, shipped 50 tons of maize on Wednesday to Canada per the R.M.S. Manuka. The price has not been divulged, but Messrs. Denham Bros. regard it as satisfactory. The maize came mostly from the West Moreton district.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

PERTH, Monday.

The R.M.S. Marmora took from Fremantle to-day 250,000 sovereigns for Colombo, and 2850 bars of base bullion, valued at £14,850, for London.

COMMONWEALTH BANKING LAW.

EXPLANATION BY THE PRIME MINISTER.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTERS.)

MELBOURNE, Monday.

Mr. Watson, when answering some criticisms by the "Argus" in a leading article today, gave a few particulars relating to the lines which he intends that his legislation to be introduced next session to deal with banking shall take. One of the things which the "Argus" found fault with was the issue of Government notes, and in support of its objection it urged that the circulation of Government notes in Canada was 10 or 12 million dollars, as against 60 million dollars in circulation in the shape of notes privately issued by the banks. In reply to this, Mr. Watson says that the Government notes in Canada are for sums ranging up to 4dol. These are chiefly used for change purposes, while for larger sums banks issue their own notes. People deal more in notes of larger denominations than in those for small sums, such as the Government notes represent. Another statement made by the journal was that to take 40 per cent. of the banks' reserves of gold would involve parting with a sum of £8,000,000 in gold by the banks on the basis of their present cash reserves, and that their present note circulation is only £4,000,000; therefore they would receive another £4,000,000 in notes which they do not want. He replied to this that the notes which the banks would receive in exchange for their gold would not go into circulation at all. They would be special notes, issued to banks for reserve purposes, just as gold is now kept for reserve purposes. The Government notes, as already pointed out, would not interfere in the slightest degree with the ordinary bank-note circulation.

"If gold were wanted to redeem the Government notes with, what would be the procedure then?" Mr Watson was asked.

"Assuming," he answered "that we took the Canadian proposition of 40 per cent. of gold, that would mean £8,000,000 of their coin reserves. The notes they would receive would be given them only to be issued in circumstances of a grave character, and these notes would be a legal tender, and therefore readily negotiable throughout the Commonwealth. Against this sum I would hold one-third in gold as a reserve against the possible presentation of some of these notes to the Treasury. Of course, being a legal tender in Australia, it is not likely they would go below par in value, unless there was a dearth of gold for export purposes. Other two-thirds could safely be used by the Commonwealth for reproductive works, such as the Federal capital."

"What would be the position of the banks under this arrangement?"

"As to the position of the banks under this arrangement, it must be recollected that the banks have 32 millions worth of gold locked up in their vaults. This sum inspires confidence among investors and depositors, and provides against a possible crisis. We shall not put the banks in any worse position, because we shall give them notes in lieu of this gold reserve. Their solvency will not be affected in the slightest degree. One thing worth remembering is that when the last crisis took place in 1893, the amount drawn upon gold reserves at the banks was almost inappreciable, considering all circumstances. It amounted to between two and three millions. Supposing a similar crisis occurred again, and the banks trenched upon their note reserves, we sholud have our reserve with which to meet these notes. I see no reason to fear a crisis beyond our power to meet. In 1893, when the banking crisis took place, the State Governments came to the assistance of the banks, and they were enabled to weather the storm. They would always have our notes as reserves."

SPECIAL CABLES.

(FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.)

WAR IN THIBET.

DESPERATE FIGHTING.

BRITISH POSITION THREATENED.

LONDON, May 23.

Colonel A. J. Brander, with four companies of Pioneers and two guns, cleared a village some distance from Gyangtse. The Thibetans desperately defended their position, and the British were exposed to a flanking fire from another village.

Twenty Thibetans were killed.

The British losses were 2 Sikhs killed and Lieutenant F. F. Hodgson and three others wounded.

The operations against the other village from which a flanking fire was poured on the British, were suspended, inasmuch as the Thibetans were seen massed under the fort at Gyangtse, preparing to rush the British camp.

Colonel Brander thereupon hastened back to the camp.

AN UNSUCCESSFUL AMBUSH.

LONDON, May 23.

A sharp engagement between a small party of mounted infantry and a party of Thibetans has occurred at Chung-lo, two miles from Gyangtse.

The Thibetans attempted to ambush the Mounted Infantry, but were driven off, losing 15 men killed.

THE ANGLO-FRENCH AGREEMENT.

ITALY'S ASSENT.

LONDON, May 23.

Italy has assented to that portion of the Anglo-French agreement dealing with the control of the finances of Egypt.

In the Declaration of Great Britain and France regarding Egypt, it was stated that France gave its adherence to the draft of a Khedivial decree, which was appended to the document, and which contained the guarantees considered necessary for the safeguarding of the interests of the holders of the Egyptian debt, but on condition that after the enforcement of the decree no modification would be allowed to be introduced without the assent of the signatory Powers to the Convention of London of 1885. The cable shows that Italy has given her assent to this portion of the agreement. In the despatch to the British Ambassador in Paris, Lord Lansdowne explained that while the developments of the country had modified the international situation of Egypt, the financial and administrative system was a survival of an order of things which no longer existed, and was not only out of date, but full of inconvenience to all concerned. Egypt, with her Treasury full of money, was yet not alowed to use that money for an object which, on a moderate computation, should add 20 per cent. to the wealth of the country. The finances are controlled by the Caisse de la Dette Publique, on which sit representatives of Germany, France, Great Britain, Austria-Hungary, Italy, and Russia. Originally its functions were limited to receiving certain assigned revenues on behalf of the bondholders, but in practice the members claimed to control on behalf of the Powers of Europe the due execution by the Egyptian Government of all the complicated international agreements relating to the finances of the country. It is proposed to restore the work of the Caisse to its original limitations, and to employ the money released from its control to public works which would otherwise have to be constructed by loan.

ANARCHISTS IN EUROPE.

PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.

LONDON, May 23.

Russia has proposed a convention having for its object the repatriation of anarchists and the reporting by each nation to other nations of the behaviour of suspected anarchists.

Unlike several other European countries, Great Britain and France refrain from signing the convention.

KING VICTOR EMMANUEL.

VISIT TO THE KAISER.

LONDON, May 23.

King Victor Emmanuel III. of Italy will visit the German Emperor at Potsdam in August.

THE ATLANTIC PASSAGE.

A WAR OF RATES.

LONDON, May 23.

Owing to the agreement made by the Cunard Company with the Hungarian Government to take emigrants at special rates across the Atlantic, Herr Ballin, the manager of the Hamburg-American line, announces that his company and other Continental lines, have fixed the third-class passenger rates from London and Liverpool to New York at £2.

TYPHOON IN INDO-CHINA.

FIVE THOUSAND DEATHS.

LONDON, May 23.

A typhoon recently devastated French Indo-China. Five thousand lives were lost.

The damage caused by the typhoon is estimated at several million of francs.

INTERNATIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT.

MR. F. T. MARSHALL SUCCESSFUL.

LONDON, May 23.

The International Chess Tournament has concluded at Cambridge Springs, U.S.A. Out of a possible 15 Mr. F. T. Marshall, who won the tournament, secured 13 points. Herr Janowski obtained 11 points and Dr. E. Lasker 11 points. Mr. Marshall did not suffer a single defeat.

THE MISSION OF RADIUM.

EARTH'S INTERNAL HEAT.

LONDON, May 23.

Professor Ernest Rutherford, Macdonald Professor of Physics of the M'Gill University, Canada, formerly of New Zealand, has propounded the theory that the internal heat of the earth emanates from radium.

Professor Ernest Rutherford is a native of Nelson, New Zealand, where he had a distinguished University course. Gaining one of the scholarships of the '51 Exhibition in 1894, he proceeded to Cambridge University, and prosecuted research at the Cavendish Laboratory. Much of his work has dealt with the ionisation of gases by Rontgen and Becquerel Rays, and he has published numerous papers on the subject of radio-activity. Professor Rutherford, who has filled his present office since 1898, is 33 years of age.

SECOND EDITION

THE WAR.

THE OPPOSING ARMIES.

DIVISIONS IN CONTACT.

LONDON, May 23.

The advanced division of General Kuroki's army continues in touch with the Russians near the Mo-tien-ling (Pass), where the road to Liao-yang passes through a mountain defile.

Fourteen foreign attaches are there.

The Russian line extends from Hai-cheng, 10 miles east of Niu-chwang, to the west of the Mo-tien-ling.

VICE-ADMIRAL SKRYDLOFF.

HOISTS HIS FLAG.

LONDON, May 23.

Vice-Admiral Skrydloff, who has been appointed to the command of the Russian cruiser squadron, has arrived at Vladivostock, and has hoisted his flag on board the armoured cruiser Rossia, 12,130 tons.

STRENGTH OF THE JAPANESE.

LONDON, May 23.

The correspondent of the "Times" aboard the despatch boat Haimun estimates that Japan has landed 150,000 men in Manchuria and on the Liao-tung.

MINING THE HIGH SEAS.

DENOUNCED AS WHOLESALE MURDER.

LONDON, May 23.

Admiral Algernon de Horsey, writing to the "Times," states that the wilful placing of mines in the open seas 10 miles from land, as Russia has done off Port Arthur, is an inhuman act of wholesale murder.

THE BATTLESHIP OREL.

LONDON, May 23.

Reports from St. Petersburg are to the effect that continuous pumping has saved the battleship Orel, which was stranded near Kronstadt, owing to her filling by the bilge pipe being left open.

THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY.

THE PARTIES' CANDIDATES.

LONDON, May 23.

In the Republican Convention for the selecting of the party's candidate for the presidency of the United States, President Roosevelt has a great majority.

The Democrats have a plurality of candidates. Judge Parker is the most popular. Mr. William Hearst, the owner of nine newspapers in New York and elsewhere, backed by Mr. W. J. Bryan, is working regardless of expense. He has already spent £300,000. Mr. Hearst demands the enforcement of laws against criminal trusts and the abolition of towering duties creating monopolies. Labour supports his candidacy.

ESPIONAGE IN FRANCE.

AN ENGLISHMAN ARRESTED.

LONDON, May 23.

Colonel Gordon, an Englishman, has been arrested at Le Palais, Belle Ile, France, on a charge of espionage.

AFRICA FOR THE AFRICANS.

UNREST AMONG THE ZULUS.

AMERICAN NEGRO AGITATORS.

LONDON, May 23.

The Zulus and the Swazies in South Africa exhibit discontent and unrest as the result of negro agitators from America, preaching Ethiopianism, meaning Africa for the African natives.

EPIDEMIC AMONG CHILDREN.

DISASTROUS AFTER-EFFECTS.

LONDON, May 23.

A mysterious epidemic called spotted fever or cerebro-spinal meningitis has caused 456 deaths in New York recently. Children are the chief sufferers. Among those to whom the disease does not result fatally permanent blindness, deafness, or paralysis often follows.

THE SUGAR CAMPAIGN

LONDON, May 23.

Herr Licht reports that the production of beet sugar has increased by 278,000cwt. His estimate for the campaign is unchanged.

SEDITION IN RUSSIA.

HUNDREDS OF POLITICAL ARRESTS.

FLOOD OF REVOLUTIONARY LITERATURE.

LONDON, May 23.

During the past five weeks there have been 736 persons arrested in Odessa and Kherson, South-west Russia, on political charges. Included among these people are 91 university students.

Five secret presses have been discovered at Odessa, three at Nicolaieff, and two at Elisabethgrad.

Despite these seizures the whole of Southern Russia continues to be flooded with seditious literature.

CASUALTIES.

FATAL FALL FROM A WAGGON.

GERMANTON, Monday.

Mr. John Burns, a married man, whilst driving a waggon loaded with chaff at Thugga Station on Saturday, was sitting on top of the load, when some of the bags gave way, and he was precipitated beneath the waggon. The wheels passed over his body, causing severe internal injuries, which resulted in death. The deceased was 30 years of age.

DEATH OF A SHIFT BOSS.

KALGOORLIE (W.A.), Monday.

Mr. Patrick O'Connor, a shift boss, on the Great Boulder mine, died to-day from injuries received as the result of falling down a winze in the mine some weeks ago.

DROPPED DEAD.

TUMUT, Monday.

The Coroner, Mr. Shelley, returned on Saturday from Adjunbilly, where he held an inquest on the remains of Mr. Michael Cassidy, who dropped dead at his home on Thursday evening whilst at tea. A verdict of death from heart disease was returned.

SERIOUS MINING ACCIDENT.

BRISBANE, Monday.

Owing to a fall of earth on Schaffert's International Lease block at Georgetown on Saturday, Charles Saunderson was seriously injured. There is no hope of his recovery.

FEDERAL POLITICAL SITUATION.

PROSPECTS OF COALITION.

THE OUTLOOK UNCERTAIN.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTERS.)

MELBOURNE, Monday.

The question of the prospects of coalition in the Federal Parliament continues to be the subject of chief discussion among politicians. To illustrate the uncertainty that exists, one Minister, speaking on Mr. Reid's threatened motion of no-confidence to-day, said he would be surprised if Mr. Reid won by more than three votes ,but would not be surprised in the least if he were beaten by 13. Other members will not give any calculation, and the fact that they decline to make any calculations at all tends to show that they have no means of gauging the minds of their fellow-members. If they had there would be more information forthcoming, because the topic is one on which they like to talk, so long as inconvenient questions respecting their own attitude are not pressed home. A Ministerial statement, however, may indicate that the Minister in question has been able to feel the political pulse of a great many members, and has diagnosed from it that there is a good deal of wavering among the rank and file of the House. There is, however, nothing to indicate any departure from the opinion expressed three days ago, that the Deakin party may break up as the result of the present crisis. It is understood that Mr. Deakin personally will continue his allegiance to Mr. Reid, seeing that they made a compact which has been published as their joint manifesto. Some of his followers will almost certainly go over to the Labour party, after the Arbitration Bill is out of the way, even if they do not do so earlier. Others will never consent to go to that side of the House while the present Government remains in power. Generally speaking, the guesses are that the bulk of Mr. Deakin's followers will remain loyal to him, but those who make these statements admit that they have nothing more certain than intuition to guide them to their conclusion.

There is among members who will not go over to the Labour party a general feeling that those who elect to cross the floor should ask the electors who returned them to endorse their action by resigning their seats, and submitting themselves for re-election. Those who are suspected of leanings towards the Government benches are silent upon this point. Mr. Wilks, who was opposed to the coalition, said to-day that his position in regard to it was that he feared the effacement of the freetrade issue. Coalition as proposed would, in his view, mean that when a general election arrived the Reid-Deakin Ministry would naturally enter upon a defence of the coalition, without reference to the fiscal question. Immediately the latter was raised there would be danger of disruption of the coalition. He also feared that the gathering of the Conservative elements in the House would give a Conservative tinge to all matters of policy on the programme. He would find Conservative measures masquerading in Radical clothes. He had, therefore, decided to adhere strictly to his election pledges. He would not attach himself to the Labour party, and the proposal to give certificates of exemption from future political contests offered by the Labour Ministry was in his opinion unworthy of acceptance. The only certificate he could recognise was that given by the electors on a genuine issue placed before them. His opinion was that anyone who joined the Labour party should do so openly and unconditionally, and should immediately resign his seat and appeal to his constituents. Mr. Wilks further ventured the opinion that the coalition movement from a Victorian standpoint was apparently governed too much by personal political ambition, and his own attitude would have been to support measures, and not men. Should Mr. Reid decide to propose a motion of no confidence, free from outside trammels, that would be quite another matter. The Labour Ministry did not even attempt to remove or reduce the burdens of taxation by reducing the tariff upon the absolute necessaries of life, such as food supplies, clothing, and other articles, the ability to procure which at a cheap rate was of the highest importance to the people. If a coalition had been arrived at Mr. Reid would have presented the picture of fiscal peace, but while the general officer commanding would recommend a continuance of the coalition with the fiscal issue sunk, the rank and file of the army, particularly that portion of it hailing from New South Wales, would be found advocating the principles of freetrade, and the position would have been a coalition party with freetrade sunk; also with a freetrade cause and the estrangement of the freetrade Labour vote from the Liberal party. The weakness of such a position would be most manifest in the result of the Senate elections, as freetrade had become almost a political instinct associated with radical and liberal politics in New South Wales.

What Mr. Wilks says on the point of consulting the electors is echoed by several members. Mr. Deakin's party will meet in caucus to-morrow afternoon to consider Mr. Reid's last letter as to whether there is any unexpressed objection to a coalition. It is not thought that much will come of it. The Labour party is still working hard to secure support, by purchase or otherwise, for the Government, and altogether there is an air of intrigue in and around the lobbies of Parliament House.

VICTORIA.

THE PREMIER AND THE SURPLUS.

PAYING BACK SAVINGS BANK FUNDS.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

"Some of the Parliamentary candidates," said the Premier, Mr. Bent, to-day, "are very anxious to know what I intend to do with the surplus. A few of them, who are hard pressed, allege that there is no surplus at all, but the money is in the bank, unfortunately for those candidates. As, however, we have more money in the bank than we get interest on, several suggestions have been made with the view of making use of this money. One was that we should remit the interest on our loans to England six weeks in advance of the date on which it falls due. It was said we could get from 3 to 3½ per cent. on it until the money was required. I found, however, that we owe a lot of money to the Savings Bank, and I have determined that some of the surplus shall be utilised in paying off that debt. I have arranged to pay off £100,000 in this way. We shall make an immediate reduction of about £4000 a year."

ALLEGED PIRATED TELEGRAMS.

"The Herald and Weekly Times," Limited, is plaintiff in an action brought against Mr. Jas. T. Vinnard, and the People's Daily Co-operative Newspaper and General Printing Company, Limited, for the purpose of restraining the publication of what the plaintiff alleges to be pirated telegrams. Upon an application made to-day to Mr. Justice Hodges, for the adjournment of an interim injunction motion, it was stated that the plaintiff claims that its telegrams have constantly been appropriated by the defendants, and published in such a way as to disguise the fact. An adjournment for two days was agreed to, whereupon the plaintiff's counsel desired an undertaking as to the suspension of the practice in question meanwhile. Mr. Higgins responded: "We shall undertake to refrain from doing anything which we deem to be unlawful."

A BOILER EXPLOSION.

A MAN'S NARROW ESCAPE.

A boiler explosion occurred this morning at the saw mill of Messrs. Slocomb and Walker, eight miles from Whittlesea. On Saturday the engine was washed out. The certificated driver, Charles Patten, fired up at 20 minutes to 7 this morning, when the gauge glass showed half full. He then retired for breakfast. At three minutes to 7 the explosion occurred. One man was 30 yards off, and a sheet of metal flew past him. On cold mornings the men assembled around the boiler before starting work. Had they been two minutes earlier a dozen persons would probably have been killed. The engine, which was of 16 horse-power, was regularly tested. It is surmised the safety valve was screwed down too tightly. Not only the engine, but all the works were demolished. Mr. Slocomb estimates his loss at £600. The mill had been working 18 months.

THE SIERRA AT AUCKLAND.

AUCKLAND, Monday.

The R.M.S. Sierra, from San Francisco, arrived this morning. Passengers—For Sydney: Messrs. W. L. Comyn, A. Koebele, J. M. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Diggles and child, Mr. L. E. Moss, Mrs. E. H. Little, Mrs. W. C. Crawford child and nurse, Master J. A. Fox, Miss A. W. Way, Dr. E. H. Way, Mr. H. Hart, Mrs. F. M. Potter, Miss Todd, Mr. M. Rosewald, Professor Perkins, Mr. W. G. Howe, Mrs. J. Kavanaugh, Mr. P. Wilsie, Miss Belchford, Mr. A. Barran, Mr. W. A. Johnston, Mr. P. Dwyn, Mrs. George Westaway, Miss P. J. Wilson, Mr. J. Gandiel, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Carr and child, Mr. W. J. Brown, Mrs. J. Roundy son and daughter, Messrs. A. Cripps, R. Gardner, E. Gardner, D. Drummond, James Lynch, John Thomas, James W. Wilson, T. G. Smith,

MR. CARRUTHERS' TOUR.

THE BURRANGONG ELECTORATE.

PUBLIC MEETING AT YOUNG.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

YOUNG, Monday.

Mr. Carruthers arrived at Young this evening from Cowra, and was met at the station by Mr. J. Russell (vice-president of the branch of the Liberal and Reform Association), Mr. D. Mackenzie (treasurer), Mr. A. W. Neumann (secretary), Messrs. Slatyer, Greenwood, Ellerman, Millard, Kelly, and others.

With good organisation and hard fighting there is every promise that the Burrangong electorate, of which Young is the chief town, and which includes Grenfell, Murrumburrah, Harden, Goolagong, Wallendbeen, and some smaller places, will be won for Reform. Mr. G. A. Burgess, M.L.A., will, it is understood, be the Labour candidate. He has a strong following, and the organisation of the Labour party is good; hence every effort that can be put forward will be necessary to record a victory for Reform. There are four candidates for selection by the Liberal and Reform party—namely, Messrs. A. Graham, A. H. Grimm, John Longmuir, and Thomas Spring. Any one of these, it is believed, will make a strong fight, and all are prepared to loyally abide by the ballot for selection, which will be taken on May 31. It is unlikely that a Government candidate will be in the field to oppose Mr. Burgess, consequently a straight-out fight, with clear-cut issues, may be looked for.

THE PUBLIC MEETING.

Mr. Carruthers addressed a meeting in the Town Hall to-night. Mr. Edward Taylor, president of the local branch of the Liberal and Reform League, presided, and many prominent members of the league occupied seats on the platform. The hall was crowded to excess, about 800 people being present. About 150 ladies were seated in the gallery, and numbers were unable to gain admittance, and were content to stand around the doors. Mr. Carruthers had a good reception, and with the exception of a few interruptions from youths, was given an attentive hearing.

KALEIDOSCOPIC MR. O'SULLIVAN.

Mr. Carruthers proceeded to refer to the attitude of the Liberal and Reform party to Labour, and replied to what he termed some of Mr. O'Sullivan's "screeds." The Minister for Works, he said, was an admixture of good nature and the reverse, of extravagant ideas for economy one day and of squandering expenditure another—a Tory one moment and a Radical the next, he was now so good natured as to be trying to down an old and staunch friend and supporter, Mr. Fitzgerald, in order to get a seat in Parliament. From 1891 to 1899 Mr. O'Sullivan was a so-called leader of the retrenchment party. To-day he glorified extravagance and boasted that he spent millions "like a toff." (Laughter and applause.) As a Conservative he had tried to gag the press, had been a party to putting the gag on in Parliament thirty times in one night, had divided labour into classes, giving favours to one class and denying it to others, and he had helped his colleague, Mr. Wise, to break down trial by jury. These were acts worthy of the veriest old Tory of three centuries ago. (Laughter and interruption.) Occasionally he lapsed into a fit of Radicalism, but it was ludicrous to see him decked out in his old discarded clothes as the one time keystone of the democratic arch. (Applause and laughter.) Those well-known lines might be applied to him, "A man so various that he seemed to be not one, but all mankind's epitome." He was indeed "everything by turns and nothing long." (Laughter.)

THE ALLEGED "COUNTRY MINISTRY."

Mr. O'Sullivan had challenged his (Mr. Carruthers) statements about the sleepers on the Bogan Gate-Bulbodney railway. What he had stated was that Mr. O'Sullivan, after he had turned the first sod of that railway, and had received a presentation of a silver service, had negotiated for the sale of the sleepers 67,000 in all. Of course he had never sold them. The people at Bogan Gate went down to Mr. Waddell and protested, and the sale had been stopped. Mr. O'Sullivan had tried to deny the fact that millions had been expended by this Ministry in the city and the county of Cumberland. Now this Ministry claimed to be a country Ministry, and Mr. Wise had cabled to London that the large expenditure of the Government was due to the necessities of drought, etc. To refute the claim of the Government to be a country government, as well as to refute the excuse of the huge expenditure on account of the drought, he (Mr. Carruthers) had proved that nearly £6,000,000 of the loan expenditure was for resumption of land in Sydney, £750,000 for the central railway station, £200,000 for city and suburban tramways, £100,000 for city water supply, besides huge sums spent on Lyne Park, telephone tunnels, postal tubes, buildings, municipal roads, etc. (Applause.) Were these things for the relief of distressed settlers? How many of the distressed settlers participated in the festivities of the Commonwealth, at the time of the Royal visit, or how many got a "cut in" at the stone-breaking business. These things and many more would show the hollowness and sham of the cry of "country" raised by Ministers.

WHO ARE THE TRUE LIBERALS?

For himself he made no claim to do more for one man than another, nor for one district more than another. (Applause.) But this he did say, that neither the city nor the country wanted extravagance. Developmental works one could always advocate, and justify, but ornamental works might well stand over until the pressing needs of the primary producers were honestly met. (Applause.) The Liberal party was a true Labour party in the very best sense of the term. They recognised that in this State the vast majority of men and women had to labour for their living. (Applause.) Some worked by the hand, some with the brain, some as employers, and others as wage earners. But all together they wrought, each in his own sphere, to keep his home, to advance the State, and to maintain good government.

HOW TO INCREASE WAGES.

The Liberal party said that all those who laboured were entitled to be considered on the broad and common ground of citizenship. (Applause.) And, further, they contended that it was contrary to the true spirit of democracy to class the people of the country into divisions. That was a method of classification worthy of Tories and Conservatives, who set up aristocracies and classes. The Liberals said that the only possible way to find plenty of work, and to keep up wages, was to increase the fund from which wages were paid, and that was done by increasing productiveness of the country. The more encouragement they offered to men to go on the land to cultivate it, to breed sheep and cattle, to dairy farm, to mine for gold, silver, and copper, and to win the fruits of labour from the land, the more employment there would be and better would be the wages.

THE O'SULLIVAN METHOD.

The O'Sullivan method, with the Labour party at his back, was to borrow £18,000,000 in four years, at high rates of interest, spend it all to boom labour, fix artificial rates of pay and hours of work—demoralise men by political patronage, and then pose as the friends of labour. (Loud applause.) Methods such as these left labour worse off than before. The interest on £18,000,000 was £700,000 a year for all time, and this was the amount which the wages fund on general earnings of the community would have to bear and pay before one penny piece could be applied to employing one man, or paying any wages. The Government, by its loan policy alone, had reduced the employing capacity of the State by 6000 men, consequently throwing more men out of work, making the supply of labour greater than the demand, and thereby reducing the level of wages.

THE LIBERAL PARTY'S METHOD.

The Liberal party by its platform aimed at increasing the total earnings created by labour without any load of debt or interest. They would do it by simplifying the land laws, breaking down fictitious values placed on the State lands; by doing away with irksome and unnatural conditions, only insisting on the bona-fide use of the land; by a vigorous policy of closer settlement, administered free from political influence, so as to make thousands of acres of good land available close to railways and waterways and within a fair rainfall belt. (Applause.) They would accomplish it by doing away with the antiquated mining laws which now cursed the mining industry by erecting State batteries on poor men's fields, so as to give a chance to the working miner to go on his own.

WHICH METHOD IS THE BETTER?

Which was better, to spend £36,000 to buy a toy yacht like the Victoria, or to erect 36 batteries for the same money on goldfields like Forest Reefs, and on several other places he might mention? If by an expenditure of £50,000 capital and £5000 a year they could erect and run 50 batteries with 10 head of stampers, giving an inducement to 1000 miners to win 25,000oz of gold a year, valued at £100,000, they would thereby increase the wages fund of the country by that amount each year, and for all time. (Loud applause.) Surely that would be better than the wretched methods of the past four years, which had tried to boom labour by borrowing, by artificial rates of pay and hours of labour, and which had left the working classes stranded to-day with an army of unemployed. (Applause.)

HOW THE LABOUR PARTY CHANGED.

He had been twitted with the fact that 13 years ago he had subscribed to the land value taxation league in Sydney. He still believed then as now that the keynote of progress and the remedy against poverty lay in making the land available for the people, and that the system of taxing land values and not improvements effected by labour and industry was a good system. The Reid party introduced that system, and the Labour party 13 years ago made it the first and chief plank of their platform. That was why he sympathised with them then. (Loud applause.) To-day the Labour party had gone back on their faith. They had introduced the caucus system with the solidarity pledge, robbing men of their freedom of conscience and destroying the honest representation of the people in Parliament. (Applause and interruption.) His party was not against labour, but was for it in the broadest and best of ways, believing in its dignity and its worth, not pandering to its passions, nor playing on its prejudices, but appealing to its reason. (Loud applause.)

A WORD TO MR. M'GOWEN.

He wanted to say in all kindness and respect to Mr. M'Gowen and his followers that he gave them credit for their honest desires to serve the country. He acknowledged their personal worth and character, but condemned their methods as founded on too narrow a conception of human liberty, of the functions of government, and of the workings of social, political, and industrial economy. (Applause.) Mr. Carruthers then referred at length to the value of educational reform as a means of uplifting labour and improving the prosperity of the country. He also pointed out that he was the author of our State technical colleges.

A CONCLUDING APPEAL.

In conclusion, Mr. Carruthers appealed to the audience to support a broadminded, liberal policy, rather than the narrow, selfish policy of the present Government, which was calculated to destroy independence of character and to sap the foundations of manhood. (Loud applause.) The Liberal party would aim at strengthening the moral fibre of the community, and teaching all men self-reliance rather than reliance on the Government. (Loud applause.) His party would vindicate their promises by performances, which would enlarge opportunities for every man that laboured. (Loud and continued applause.)

A vote of thanks to Mr. Carruthers, proposed by Mr. W. S. Millard, and seconded by Alderman Slatyer, was carried by acclamation.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman, and three cheers given for Mr. Carruthers closed the meeting.

DEATH OF ORMONDE

A CELEBRATED RACEHORSE

LONDON, May 23.

The death of the stallion Ormonde is reported from California. The horse was chloroformed to put him out of pain.

Ormonde, who was bred by the late Duke of Westminster in 1883, was by Bend Or from Lily Agnes, by Macaroni from Polly Agnes, by The Cure from Miss Agnes, by Birdcatcher, and was consequently in his twenty-first year at the time of his death. The son of Bend Or was one of the greatest racehorses of his time, and retired from the turf with an unbeaten record. He did not appear in public until the back-end of his two-year-old season, and opened his brilliant career by annexing the Post Sweepstakes at the Newmarket October Meeting, and followed up his initial success by winning the Criterion Stakes and Dewhurst Plate at the Newmarket Houghton October Meeting. As a three-year-old he joined the ranks of the "triple-crowned" heroes by winning the Two Thousand Guineas, Derby, and St. Leger, and his other successes during the year were the St. James' Palace Stakes and Hardwicke Stakes at Ascot, the Great Foal Stakes and St. Leger Stakes at the Newmarket First October Meeting, the Champion Stakes at the Newmarket Second October Meeting, Free Handicap Sweepstakes and a private sweepstakes of 1000 sovs. at the Newmarket Houghton October Meeting. During his four-year-old career he appropriated the Rous Memorial Stakes and Hardwicke Stakes at Ascot, and the Imperial Gold Cup at the Newmarket July Meeting; his winnings in stakes alone for the three seasons totalling £28,465. At the close of his racing career he was put to the stud, and the best of his progeny was Orme, a great racehorse, and the sire of the famous Flying Fox, for whom the French sportsman, M. E. Blanc, paid the record price of 37,500 guineas at the disposal of the late Duke of Westminster's stud. After a couple of years at stud duty in England, the Duke of Westminster sold Ormonde for £12,000 to the South American breeder, Senor Boucau, of the Argentine, and subsequently the latter gentleman parted with the mighty son of Bend Or to Mr. Macdonough, of California, for £31,000. In the Argentine Ormonde sired a few fair horses, but he proved most unsuccessful at the stud in California. Ormonde was a pronounced "roarer," having inherited that infirmity from his dam, Lily Agnes.

THE VICTORIAN ELECTIONS.

NOMINATIONS ON MONDAY

THE UNOPPOSED MEMBERS.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

Nominations for both Houses of the State Parliament closed this evening. The new Council will consist of 34 members returned by 17 provinces, and one member returned by the public and railway servants. In seven out of the 17 provinces candidates have been returned unopposed as follow:—

Melbourne.—Mr. W. Cain and Mr. J. M. Davies.

Northern Province.—Mr. W. L. Baillieu and Mr. M. Cussen.

North-east Province.—Mr. W. Little and Mr. A. O. Sachse.

Southern Province.—Mr. W. H. Embling and Mr. N. Fitzgerald.

South-eastern Province.—Mr. James C. Campbell and Mr. D. E. M'Bryde.

South-western Province.—Mr. T. H. Harwood and Sir Henry Wrixon.

Western Province.—Mr. W. S. Manifold and Mr. W. B. Ritchie.

In most of the other provinces the members who sat in the last Parliament are contesting seats against each other. On the whole, very few new members are offering for Council seats. Out of the number indicated only three are declared Labour candidates, one each in Melbourne and Melbourne West provinces, and the Public Service candidate.

For the Legislative Assembly 154 candidates are contesting the 68 available seats. The new Assembly will consist of 65 members, returned by 65 single electorates, and three members returned by the public and railway servants. Only 12 out of the 65 electorates are uncontested; in 11 of these the Ministerial candidates have been returned unopposed, and the twelfth uncontested seat goes to the Labour party.

The classification of candidates is as follows:—Selected Ministerial 52, Ministerial 14, Opposition 39, Labour 44, Independent 5.

The unopposed returns are as follow:—

Abbotsford.—Mr. W. D. Beazley (L).
Dandenong.—Mr. W. S. Keast (M).
Dundas.—Mr. J. Thomson (M).
Korong.—Mr. Thomas Langdon (M).
Benambra.—Mr. A. W. Craven (M).
Bulla—Mr. A. R. Robertson (M).
Daylesford.—Mr. D. M'Leod (M).
Gippsland West.—Mr. J. E. Mackey (M).
Gunbower.—Mr. J. Cullen (M).
Lowan.—Mr. W. H. Irvine (M).
Polwarth.—Mr. C. L. Forrest (M).
Warrnambool.—Mr. J. Murray (M).

RECOVERY OF DEBT IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

HARSH PROVISIONS.

STRONG COMMENTS BY A QUEENSLAND JUDGE.

BRISBANE, Monday.

Mr. Justice Chubb delivered his reserved decision at Townsville to-day in the matter of the King versus John Alexander Boyce, P.M. at Townsville, and Henry Roberts, ex parte Michaelli Rustichelli. The application was for an order for the discharge of Rustichelli, in custody in connection with the extradition proceedings under the provisions of service and the execution of the Process Act of 1901, against the prisoner on a charge of quitting South Australia with intent to defraud one Henry Roberts, a creditor, to whom he was alleged to be indebted in the amount of £20, contrary to section 11 of the International Debts Act, No. 407, 1887 (South Australia).

Mr. Justice Chubb, in delivering judgment, referred at some length to what he termed the drastic provision of the Act, which in the hands of an unscrupulous person was easily capable of being used as an engine of oppression. All a person need to do was to charge with intent to defraud, to enable him to drag under arrest from any part of Australia to South Australia any person who had quitted the State, and with whom he might have a dispute as to a debt of £10, or damages of £20. The second part of the section was more extraordinary still, as under it a mere claim for £20 damages would entitle a claimant, by charging intent to defraud, to arrest the other party if he quitted the State. Concluding, Mr. Justice Chubb said he did not think Roberts' allegation of intent to defraud was genuine, and he was making an improper use of a criminal statute. His Honor was satisfied the application for the return of the prisoner was not made in good faith in the interests of justice, and it would be unjust and oppressive to order such return. Therefore he ordered the prisoner to be discharged from custody immediately, absolutely, and unconditionally.

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NEWCASTLE.

THE COAL EXPORT TRADE.

NEWCASTLE, Monday.

The ship Cortez cleared at the Customs to-day for Valparaiso with 2317 tons of West Wallsend coal; the 4-masted barque Lady Wentworth for Antofagasta with 4216 tons of the A.A. Company's coal; the steamer Bintaro for Port Pirie with 3300 tons of coal; the steamer Chillagoe for HeRbourne with 1820 tons of coal, 50 sacks of flour, and sundries; and the steamer Barrabool for Brisbane, via Sydney, without cargo.

The ship Allerton sailed to-day for Valparaiso with 3355 tons of Messrs. Brown's coal; the barque Invercauld for San Francisco with 2317 tons of Stanford Merthyr coal; and the Norwegian barque Armenia for Bombay in ballast.

Following is the time worked at the collieries for the fortnight ended on Saturday last:—Lambton B, Seaham, Newcastle Company's B pit, Killingworth, West Wallsend, Pelaw-Main, Sea Pit, Hebburn, 11 days; Burwood, 10½; Abermain, 10½; Back Creek, Duckenfield, Teralba, and Newcastle Company's A pit, 10; East Greta, Stanford Merthyr, and Dudley, 9½; Northern Extended, 9; Stockton, 8; Wickham and Bullock Island, and Hetton, 7½; Heddon Greta and Cooperative, 7½; Wallsend, Waratah, Ellermore Vale, and New Lambton pit, 6; Pacific, 5½; New Lambton (tunnel) and Sneddon's, 5; Rhonidda, 1 day.

THE QUARTER SESSIONS.

The Quarter Sessions were opened to-day before Judge Fitzhardinge, Mr. Armstrong being Crown Prosecutor.

Richard Carey, musician, was found guilty of receiving a saddle on December 14 last, at Singleton, knowing it to have been stolen. He was sentenced to six months' imprisonment. The prisoner was already under an uncompleted bond for his good behaviour.

Olaf Christopherson, lately seaman on the barque Rialto, was found guilty of maliciously wounding a shipmate. Prisoner said that he had no serious intention of wounding the prosecutor. He only wished to show that he was prepared to act on the defensive, and named a vessel in the harbour the master of which was willing to take him when sailing in about three weeks' time. He was remanded for sentence until next day pending inquiries being made.

William Clarence Huxham, aged 16, pleaded guilty to embezzling £20 worth of refreshment tickets, the property of the Newcastle Club. It appeared that in 1902 he was ordered to find sureties for his good behaviour for three years. His Honor now imposed a sentence of six months' imprisonment.

Ah Gan pleaded guilty to breaking and entering a shop at Merriwa on April 25. As he had a previous career in crime a sentence of three years' penal servitude was passed.

Ellen Whitmore, Isabella Pearce, and Walter Murphy were found guilty of stealing £20 from Edward Sullivan in a house at Wickham on April 13. The accused were each sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment.

The Court then adjourned until the following morning.

THE CITY COURT.

At the police court to-day, Frederick Payne and Alfred Ashman were each fined £5 for keeping a place for betting.

Richard Bond, chief officer of the ship Alcinous, was proceeded against by three sailors of the vessel, for assault. The defendant pleaded guilty. It appeared that the other evening defendant on coming on board went into the forecastle and assaulted the complaints, who were in their bunks. In two cases the defendant was fined £5 for each assault, and in the third £3, with costs in each case.

THE WICKHAM ELECTORATE.

A preliminary meeting of the supporters of Mr. Owen Gilbert, M.L.A., who has decided to contest the Wickham electorate against the Hon. J. L. Fegan, was held to-nights at the Mechanics' Institute, Hamilton. Mr. George Ball presided. Mr. Gilbert explained the circumstances which had prompted him to contest Wickham. The largest portion of his own electorate, Newcastle West, would, under the redistribution of seats, be included in Newcastle represented by Mr. Dick, and as both he and Mr. Dick belonged to the Opposition, it would be absurd for both to contest the Newcastle seat. He thought it only right to retire in favour of Mr. Dick. For Part Part of his own electorate had been included in Wickham, however, and he had no doubt championing a good cause in opposing a member of the present Government. Mr. Dick, M.L.A., also spoke, thanking Mr. Gilbert for having withdrawn in his favour. Both speakers contradicted a rumour which had been circulated to the effect that Mr. Carruthers had returned to power, intended to introduce Irvinism in respect to the railway servants. A strong committee was appointed, with Mr. C. G. Melville, Mayor of Hamilton, as chairman, and Messrs. Edmonds and Field as secretaries, to secure Mr. Gilbert's return.

THE SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

The second deposit of £100 was lodged to-night to bind the match between Towns and Treidder for the sculling championship to be rowed on the Parramatta on July 30.

CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION APPROACHES.

SURPLUS LANDS OFFERED AT AUCTION.

PRACTICALLY A FIASCO.

TOTAL SALES, £3831.

Considerable importance was attached to the proposed sale of the land in the vicinity of the Central railway station, Acting under instructions from Mr. E. W. O'Sullivan, M.L.A. (Minister for Works), Messrs. Hardie and Gorman (in conjunction with Messrs. Richardson and Wrench, Ltd., and Messrs. Batt, Rodd, and Purves, Ltd.), yesterday offered the land by public auction. The sale took place at the rooms of Messrs. Hardie and Gorman, 133 Pitt-street. Before the advertised hour had arrived there was a very large attendance, and the spacious room was overcrowded. Mr. E. W. O'Sullivan was present during the early portion of the proceedings.

The land to be offered had frontages to George, Pitt, Gipps, New Castlereagh, Elizabeth, and Randle streets, and included the Prince of Wales Hotel and the present headquarters of the Civil Ambulance Brigade.

The terms offered to purchasers were—One quarter cash, and the balance to be paid within one, two, or three years at the purchaser's option, interest to be paid half-yearly at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum.

Since the lithographic plans were distributed by the auctioneers attention was drawn by the ex-Lord Mayor (Alderman Thomas Hughes) to the question of the width of one of the lanes in the subdivision, and also the narrow frontages of the allotments in the Pitt City Council also discussed the matter, and made certain representations to the Government on the subject. The result of these representations were that at a special meeting of the Cabinet held yesterday morning it was decided that the lane shown on the plan as being 10ft wide should be widened to 20ft., also that an allotment (No. 13) having a frontage to Rawson-place should be withheld for the purpose of continuing a lane into Rawson-place.

Mr. Henry Gorman conducted the sale, and was assisted by Mr. A. W. S. Gregg (of Messrs. Richardson and Wrench, Ltd.) and Mr. E. C. Batt (Messrs. Batt, Rodd, and Purves). The sale could only be described as a "fiasco." Only nine lots were knocked down, at a total sum of £3631 5s.

The block forming the junction of George and Pitt streets, extending to Christ Church grounds, and occupied by the Civil Ambulance Brigade, was started at £15,000. The bidding increased until it reached £18,250, at which figure the property was passed in. A large area of land, having frontages to Gipps and Pitt streets, and occupied by Messrs. Anthony Hordern and Sons, was started at £10,000, and subsequently passed in at £11,250. A block having frontages to Rawson-place, Gipps and George streets, on which are erected the Prince of Wales Hotel and two modern-built shops, was offered, the bidding commenced at £15,000, and ended at £22,000, but the sum did not reach the auctioneers' reserve, and the property was consequently passed in. Some of the reserves were reached, and in a few instances exceeded, these properties being knocked down.

The following properties were sold:—Lot 1 of section 1 (corner), £1000; lot 23 of section 1, having 25ft frontage to New Castlereagh-street, at £14 5s per foot; lot 24 of section 1, corner of Elizabeth and New Castlereagh streets, £420; lot 1 of section 2, £340; lot 5 of section 2, £13 per foot; lot 6 of section 2, £14 per foot; lots 7, 8, and 9 of section 2, £16 5s per foot.

After the sale the auctioneer expressed the belief that intending buyers would negotiate privately for a large portion of the property, and at prices that would be satisfactory both to themselves and the Government.

MR. O'SULLIVAN'S OPINION.

When informed by a "Herald" representative yesterday of the result of the sale of Government lands in the vicinity of the Central railway station, the Minister for Works (Mr. E. W. O'Sullivan) was evidently surprised, for he had anticipated that a very substantial amount would be realised. Asked whether he felt disappointed, he replied:—"No, I can't say I feel disappointed. We purposely placed high reserves on the allotments, and anyone who wants the land must be prepared to pay its full value, for we are certainly not going to give it away. I thought more would have been sold, but it can't be helped, and, any way, the land will go on increasing in value. The matter of the disposal of the land will be reconsidered by the Cabinet." On inquiring as to whether the result of the sale would have any effect upon the work at the new railway station, elicited from the Minister the remark:—"As to that, I can say nothing. That is a matter for the consideration of Mr. Waddell, for he has to find the money for the work."

THE UNEMPLOYED.

The resolutions adopted by the conference on the unemployed have been forwarded to the Acting Chief Secretary, who has promised, as a formal note of acknowledgment, that they shall have due consideration.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

END OF THE O'LOUGHLIN DIVORCE SUIT.

ADELAIDE, Monday.

In the Civil Court to-day, his Honor Judge Gordon gave his reserved judgment in the divorce case of O'Loughlin v. O'Loughlin, in which Slade, the co-respondent, had been dismissed. His Honor said he experienced no difficulty in finding that misconduct had been proved, and that the wife had confessed the same to her husband; but he dismissed the petition on the ground that there was clear evidence that O'Loughlin had condoned his wife's offence both verbally and by his conduct in continuing conjugal intercourse after the confession. Costs were given against the petitioner.

WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION.

In the Supreme Court to-day Mr. Justice Gordon awarded Thomas Lamb, labourer, £80, as compensation for injuries received through falling from a scaffolding on a building which was being erected by Sutherland and Story, contractors.

THE SHIP CLAVERDON.

The ship Claverden, which grounded in Port Pirie stream when being towed out a few days ago, returned to harbour on Sunday night on account of damage sustained. She will have to discharge the whole of her cargo of sulphates, and might have to proceed to Melbourne to be docked. Her captain is awaiting instructions from the owners.

TASMANIA.

HAIL AND SNOW.

HOBART, Monday.

The weather is intensely cold, hail and snow prevailing. Two feet of snow is over the Midlands.

The centenary of the British and Foreign Bible Society was celebrated this evening by a united church social, followed by a public meeting, Mr. Justice M'Intyre presiding.

NEW ZEALAND.

SERIOUS SHOOTING AFFRAY.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

A shooting affray at Wellington has resulted in James Barr, a wharf labourer, being charged with the murder of Charles Robertson, a lamp trimmer on a coastal steamer. Robertson was sitting in Barr's kitchen when Barr arrived, and a scuffle ensued. Two shots were fired, one of which entered Robertson's abdomen. The injured man died to-night.

The estate of the late Mr. John Ewen, of Dunedin, a partner in the firm of Sargood, Son, and Ewen, has been certified for stamp duty at £203,000.

STATE POLITICS.

The executive of the Reform party met yesterday to consider the selection of a candidate for Sherbrooke, and the inquiry was adjourned till this afternoon.

Mr. W. Mugglestone has withdrawn his candidature for Canterbury. Messrs. M'Kenzie, M.L.A., Tuckwell, and Dennis are the Reform candidates for the seat, and a ballot for selection will be taken on 31st inst. Mr. W. Hillard, president of the Canterbury League, asks if the sitting member has been a loyal supporter of the party, what can be gained by having another representative. He also inquires if it is advisable at the present crisis to reject a proved man in favour of an untried one?

A number of requests have been received from Cootamundra by the Reform Association to choose a candidate for that electorate.

Mr. C. E. S. Turner is organising in the Durham electorate on behalf of the Reform Association.

A correspondent urges the introduction into the Electoral Act and Local Government Bill of the principle of the Queensland contingent vote. If it was adopted, it would still be desirable for political associations to put their imprimatur on candidates. The contingent vote in Queensland enacted that no candidate should be elected who did not poll an absolute majority of votes either directly or indirectly. The system would overcome the difficulty at present met with of running a new man against the sitting member. After crossing out the names of the candidates except the one he favoured, the voter under this system marked 2, 3, 4 and so on against the names crossed out, according to his preference, should his first choice be out of it.

Mr. Hendry has also advocated the adoption of the Queensland voting system. He says the Botany poll was not satisfactory to those who believe in majority rule. Mr. Anderson polled 914 votes, yet 955 votes were recorded for Messrs. Fallick and Griffin. Mr. Fallick is justified in appealing. There is nothing in the poll to disprove that if Mr. Griffin's name were eliminated the 282 who voted for him would not prefer Mr. Fallick to Mr. Anderson.

Mr. H. L. Cathie, of Brewarrina, has received a requisition to contest Cobar in the Reform interest.

The Glebe Political Labour League will receive nominations for candidates for the Glebe in the Labour interest on Wednesday. The selection will be made by the Central Executive.

GOOD TEMPLARS AND THE ELECTIONS.

PREPARING FOR THE CAMPAIGN

A conference of the political council and electoral deputies of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held on Saturday evening. Mr. G. D. Clark (G.E. Superintendent) occupied the chair, and every city and suburban electorate was represented.

Correspondence was reported from a number of country electorates, asking for copies of the test questions to be sent, and seeking information on various matters connected with the elections.

Mr. John Forsyth moved,—"That copies of test questions, accompanied by circular, urging the immediate organisation of members of the order and friends of temperance for campaign purposes, be sent to every lodge in the State.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. C. Burdett, and supported by Mr. J. B. Mercer, P.G.C.T., and carried unanimously

Mr. W. J. Green, G.E., moved,—"That in all country electorates the local temperance bodies be asked to exercise their right of selecting candidates, and that selection by the central council only be made in the event of the local bodies failing to do so."

Mrs. C. Burdett seconded the resolution, and it was supported by Messrs. F. Flower, M.L.C., G. Bennett, D.E.S., and others, and carried.

Mr. G. W. Sherar, D.C.T., moved,—"That in the selection of candidates preference be given to men who are total abstainers, and whose lives are in opposition to the traffic in intoxicating drinks."

Mr. G. W. Logan seconded the resolution. It was supported by Mrs. G. D. Clark and Miss Dexter, and carried unanimously

PHILLIP.

LABOUR DEMONSTRATION.

A labour demonstration took place last evening in Phillip Electorate for the purpose of inaugurating the candidature of Mr. P. H. Sullivan, M.L.A., the chosen of the Labour party, to contest that electorate. Addresses were delivered from the balcony of an hotel at the corner of Liverpool and Pitt-streets. Despite the wet evening there was a large gathering, presided over by Mr. John Talbot. The meeting was an orderly one, and the various speakers were accorded a good hearing.

Mr. Hall, M.L.A., said the Labour party had been attacked from all sides, but yet he and the other members were not the least depressed by the opposition against them. He asked the electors of Phillip to judge the Labour party in Parliament by what they had done, and not by the criticism hurled at them by the newspapers. For 35 years prior to the advent of the Labour party only eight Acts of Parliament were passed which were worthy of a place in Coghlan's Book, while in the 11 years which the Labour party had been in power 58 Acts of Parliament were passed, which were pronounced worthy of Mr. Coghlan's notice. Some of these Acts were of the most humane character. (Applause.)

Mr. Alfred Edden, M.L.A., Deputy Leader of the Labour party, said he had travelled over 1000 miles that day, a great inconvenience in order to speak a few words in favour of Mr. Sullivan, who had proved himself to be one of the most active and conscientious members of the party. (Applause.) There was on all sides a determined effort to crush the Labour party. The Labour movement did not comprise only the 26 representatives in Parliament, but rather the great masses of the community, especially those who had banded themselves together to lift their fellows from degradation and distrust. With one voice and one accord, the mandate had gone forth that this party must be destroyed. He could assure them that such would not happen. The Labour party would fight, and if they went down they would go down in a body. Fault was found with the Labour caucus, but were not the other parties following in the footsteps of the Labour members with regard to caucus? Last week in the Federal Parliament the opposition room door was guarded. A caucus was taking place inside, and there were many other instances in which the other parties were following on the lines of Labour, none more so than in their present system of selecting candidates. The fact was, the Labour party's platform was too strong for it to be destroyed by the bombardment of a hostile press and the opposition from office-seekers in Parliament. (Applause.)

Mr. P. H. Sullivan, M.L.A., delivered an address in which he dealt with the criticism of the press in the actions of the party to which he belonged. The statement that the Labour party were in the State was incorrect. He could assure them he was not a socialist; he in fact he was opposed by a socialist at the last election, which was proof that that body evidently did not think that he came up to their standard, but if living amongst the people, knowing their sorrows and their wants, he tried to make the conditions under which these people lived better in every way than what he found them was termed socialism, then he was quite content to be called a socialist. (Applause.)

Mr. E. Riley, ex-president of the Sydney Labour Council, addressed the gathering, after which a vote of confidence in Mr. Sullivan was proposed by Mr. E. Hudson, seconded by Mr. M. Kelly, and carried.

THE REFORM CANDIDATE.

MR. F. BOYCE SELECTED.

A meeting of the Phillip (No. 72) branch of the Liberal and Reform Association was held in the Darlington Council-chambers last evening, for the purpose of selecting a candidate to contest the Phillip seat. The secretary announced that Alderman Ransom had resigned from the position of president, and Mr. T. Battye (vice-president) was voted to the chair. The hall was crowded.

The secretary read a letter from Mr. A. Cocks, withdrawing his candidature in order to assist the selectors in their work. Mr. Moffitt Burns, who was present, also withdrew his name, stating that he had nothing to complain of, but when he submitted his name he was under the impression that there were only two candidates in the field, viz., the two sitting members. He hoped that they would select a genuine Reformer. (Applause.) Mr. Burns then left the meeting.

The following were announced as candidates who had submitted their names, and had promised to abide by the decision of the meeting.

Ballot-papers were handed round, and the result of the voting was as follows:—F. Boyce, 52; C. Gorton, 18; F. Keifer, 23; D. D. Middleton, 0; W. H. Manuel, 0. The chairman declared Mr. F. Boyce the selected candidate.

DARLINGHURST.

MR. LEVY'S CANDIDATURE.

Mr. D. Levy opened his campaign last night with an address from the balcony of Green Park Hotel. Mr. James A. Ross occupied the chair.

Mr. Levy claimed that he had carried out the promises that he had given at the last general election, and that he had been loyal to the party which he supported. He had been an uncompromising opponent of the Government in its many unconstitutional actions, and he had no reason to regret any vote that he had given or any speech that he had made in the House. He reminded the electors that no man had fought more strenuously for the reduction of members. He spoke at some length on the Bacchus Marsh case, which he characterised as a gross interference with the administration of justice. It was not the first time that Mr. Wise had censured a Minister of the Crown. He referred in strong terms to the length of time Parliament had been prorogued. He also dealt at considerable length with the financing on the part of the Government, which he described as Micawber-like. He said the talk about the 600,000 bright golden sovereigns in the Treasury was all moonshine, because, according to the last statement of accounts in the "Government Gazette," the consolidated revenue account was overdrawn £1,305,009, while the general loan account stood overdrawn to the extent of £1,982,000, so that at the beginning of this month the optimistic Mr. Waddell was working the State on an overdraft of £3,287,000. Mr. Levy fully explained his views on local government, and questioned the sincerity of the present movement on the part of Mr. Wise, which he regarded as an electioneering dodge to bolster up a moribund Ministry. He also dealt with several phases of the Public Service, and with the subject of closer settlement, water conservation, and education, and concluded by urging the electors to vote solid for reform.

On the motion of Mr. A. Fuller, seconded by Mr. John Ryan, a vote of confidence in the candidate was carried.

REDFERN.

MEETING OF WOMEN LIBERALS.

A meeting of women in support of Alderman G. Howe's candidature was held in the Redfern Town Hall last evening, presided over by the Mayoress (Mrs. Medcalf). The Mayor (Alderman Medcalf), Mr. C. L. Garland, and Alderman G. Howe also occupied seats on the platform. Addresses were delivered by Mrs. Rhys Davies, Mrs. Barrington, and Mr. G. Howe. A vote of confidence in the candidate was unanimously carried.

GLOUCESTER.

MR. J. H. YOUNG AT STROUD.

STROUD, Monday.

Mr. J. H. Young, the selected candidate for Gloucester in the Liberal and Reform interest, addressed a large and influential meeting on Friday evening, and was very well received. He commenced his address by referring to his political career as a sufficient indication as to the party to which he would belong in the House if elected. He dealt trenchantly with the Friedman case, reminding the electors that we took special care in our criminal law to prevent, if possible, an innocent man being convicted and punished—that usually when one man of a jury of 12 stood out against a verdict of guilty, the imputation was at once made that this one man had been got at in some way by the friends of the accused. In the Friedman case the Judge and jury were entirely free from any such imputation, but notwithstanding this the accused escaped; and it must be left to the judgment of each individual as to how this was brought about. Mr. Young also touched on to the Fitzroy Dock scandal and other scandals of the same character, stating that in his opinion the majority of the Legislative Assembly had failed in its duty in voting with the Government on the votes of censure moved by the Opposition. He attributed this to the fear of dissolution, which must have been present in the minds of the weak members and in the minds of the Labour party, which, he reminded his hearers, had always been ready to whitewash the See-O'Sullivan Government. He also dealt with public finance, and condemned the immensely increased cost of all public works as a consequence of such interference. Mr. Young proceeded to allude to the extravagant expenditure of loan money, to the railway lines, which did not and could not pay for the interest on the money spent on them, and he despaired of ever seeing the State on a sound financial basis. He concluded by urging the electors to vote solid for reform.

On the motion of Mr. A. Fuller, seconded by Mr. John Ryan, a vote of confidence in the candidate was carried.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Monday Evening.

The week in the Stock and Share market has passed without much animation, and with very little movement in prices. Government securities were steady, though par was offered for New South Wales debentures, due 1908. City Bank of Sydney in request at 80s. Bank of New South Wales slightly firmer, being inquired for at 43½. Bank deposits unaltered, as also Steam and Insurance. Australian Gaslight quitted at £17 3s 6d; Perkins' brewery 6d higher; Insurance unchanged. In the miscellaneous list Colonial Sugar were ¼ higher, Silverton Tram being up 6d, and Holt Sutherland 3d. Perpetual Trustee quitted at 10s, the previous quotation, other alterations in the list being only nominal.

The following sales were reported on 'Change:—Forenoon: Australian Gaslight, £17 3s 6d. Noon, Australian Gaslight, £17 3s 6d; Perpetual Trustee, 10s; Fresh Food and Ice, 8s 1½d. Afternoon: Australian Gaslight, £17 3s 6d; Fresh Food and Ice, 8s 1½d.

Closing quotations were as follow:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Last Sale.	Buyers.	Sellers.	*Yield to Investor.
	£	£	£	p.c.				p.c.
STOCKS &c.								
N.S.W.F.S., Act of 1892	349,880	...	...	4	100½	100	102	4
Do. Act 1873	530,180	...	...	4	101¼	100	...	4
Do., 1912	3,469,1[illegible]	...	...	3	79	80	...	3¾
Do., Term., 1912	972,897	...	...	4	99½	100	102	3¾
Do. deb. 1908	...	...	...	4	99¼	...	...	4
Ditto, 1909	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do., F.S., 1920	222,225	...	...	3	...	...	...	...
Do., T. Bills, 1905	1,600,000	...	...	3½	98½	98¾	100	4¼
T'a., T. Bills, 1906	1,000,000	...	...	4	98½	...	...	...
Do. Deb. 1902	399,300	...	...	3	100	...	...	...
Q.I., 1913	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do., T. Bills	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
N.Z. D., 1913	800,000	...	...	4	103	...	...	4
Ditto, 1914	...	...	...	4	102	...	...	4
Col. Sugar D., 1914	...	...	...	5	107	103	...	4½
City Syd. Deb.	220,000	...	...	4	...	99½	102	4
Ditto, 19[illegible]	50,000	...	...	4	102	...	...	4
Australn. Gas Debentures	...	...	...	4	100	99½	...	4
W. Aus. 4 p.c.	...	...	...	...	100	...	...	...
BANKS.								
Aust. J.S.	1,168,041	10	7½	...	90	...	...	...
Austral'sia	1,600,000	40	40	12	90	...	...	5½
City	240,000	10	8	4	80/	80/	91/	6
New Issue	160,000	10	8	4	75/	74/6	76/	5¼
Com'l of Aust.	91,862	10	10	...	4 10½	4/	5/	...
Ditto pref.	2,117,280	10	10	3	5½	...	5¼	6
Com. Syd.	1,000,000	25	12½	10	27½	27	27½	4½
E.S. & A.	1,192,440	8	5	2½	60/	...	...	...
Ditto pref.	305,788	10	10	5	8	...	...	...
B.N.S.W.	2,000,000	20	20	10	43½	43¼	...	4¾
New Zealand	497,8[illegible]	6	3¼	5	80/	...	...	...
N. Qu'nsland	100,000	7	2	2½	11/9	12/	...	7¾
Q'sland Nat.	418,165	5	3	...	2 9	...	...	...
Royal of Q.	451,307	10	6¼	8	51/	50/6	...	...
Union	1,500,000	75	25	10	44½	44	45	5¾
DEPOSITS.								
A.J.S. Bk.—Class A	...	...	...	5	17/1½	17/1	17/3	3¾
Class B	...	...	...	5	17/0½	15/	15/3	4½
Ditto Insc.	758,035	...	...	8½	10/6	10/	10/4½	7
Com. of Aus. A'ser., 1898	687,379	...	...	3½	19/2	18/9	...	3¾
Ditto Assets	3,334,50[illegible]	...	...	3	13/3	13/	...	4½
E.S.A. Insc. pref.	869,418	...	...	3	12/	11/	12/	5
Ditto def.	817,477	...	...	4½	16/	15/9	...	5
Ditto Deb.	983,047	...	...	4	16/	15/6	16/3	4½
Ditto Ter.	90,372	...	...	4	19/10	19/6	...	4
Q'sland Nat.	2,116,021	...	...	5½	12/	12/3	...	5¾
STEAM.								
Balm'n Ferry	16,422	1	1	5	20/3	19/	20/9	5
Illawarra	56,000	5	3½	8½	...	5¼	...	5¾
Hud'ydsmith 20 p.c. pd.	250,000	20	20/	10/	18/	...	...	5½
Ditto pref.	250,000	20	5	5	...	...	...	...
Newcastle	100,000	1	1	6	19/6	19/3	19/9	6¼
North Coast	131,250	1	17/6	6	20/	19/9	20/	5¼
Syd. Ferries	140,000	1	1	6	44/6	44/	...	5¼
P. Jackson	25,000	20	25/	8	30/	...	...	6¾
Ditto, Co-op.	8,740	1	1	4	...	...	...	...
INSURANCE.								
A. M. Fire	62,500	1	12/6	14½	40/	39/6	...	4½
Mer. Mut.	37,500	1	5/	13½	15/6	15/	15/6	4
N. Zealand	200,000	10	2/	15	...	...	...	7
N. Q'land	50,000	1	10/	...	13/	...	...	...
Ditto	5,000	1	...	8	...	...	...	...
United	62,500	10	2½	12½	90/	...	91/	4½
Ditto new	5,722	10	12/6	12	20/	19/5	21/	...
GAS.								
Albury	7,500	1	12/6	10	20/3	20/	...	6¼
Australian	750,000	6	6	15	17/3/6	17½	17/3/6	5¼
Ch. Towers	20,000	10	10	1	14/9	...	...	...
Goulburn	10,000	1	1	15	48/6	...	...	6¼
Grafton	8,000	1	1	8	27/6	...	...	5¾
M'land Gas	15,558	5	5	7	...	...	...	...
Manly	10,000	1	1	7½	25/	26/	28/	...
Ditto New	5,000	1	10/	7½	14/	13/9	...	...
Mudgee	8,000	1	1	7	17/10½	17/	18/	8
Newcastle	84,200	2	2	12½	5½	5¼	...	...
N. Shore	125,000	1	1	8	36/	...	36/	...
BREWERIES.								
Australian	48,000	10	10	2	8/	...	4/	...
[illegible] Wood Bros.	250,000	1	1	4	8/6	8/	8/9	9
Marshall's	31,250	15	5	6	5/	...	5/	9
Perkins'	56,250	15	15	27½	...	42/	...	8
[illegible]'s	500,000	1	1	5	15/	14/3	17/	7
Tooth's	100,000	1	1	5	26/9	26/	26/9	6
MISCELL'N'S.								
[illegible]	17,500	15	10	5	8/9	...	4/	...
Aus. News	40,000	1	1	...	6/3	5/6	7/	...
B. H. Water Supply	285,000	1	1	10	18/	...	17/6	10
Burns, Philp	250,000	1	1	8	31/6	30/	32/	5
New Issue	25,000	1	15/	8	15/6	14/10½	15/6	5¼
Col. Sugar	2,000,000	20	20	10	37	37½	38	5
Deb.w. £10 pd	...	20	10	...	26½	26¼	...	...
Deb.w. £20 pd	...	...	...	...	36¼	...	...	...
Dalgety & Co.	1,000,000	20	5	5	...	85/	...	5¾
Dunlop Pneumatic Tyre	80,000	1	1	7	...	12/	...	...
Emu B. Rail.	100,000	1	1	...	8/6	...	...	...
Emu & Prospect Gravel	27,200	1	16	7	9/	8	10/	...
Federal Cok.	12,[illegible]	20	20	5	...	...	...	...
Do. Pref., etc.	7,0[illegible]	20	10	7½	...	...	...	...
[illegible], con	21,050	1	14	7½	...	...	11/	...
Mel. Trams	480,000	1	10	...	10/1½	...	...	...
M. de Piete	71,4[illegible]	1	1	10	20/	20/	...	5¾
Ditto, new	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mort's Dk.	200,000	1	1	...	17/	...	...	...
Ditto Pref.	45,3[illegible]	1	1	6	18/6	...	19	6¼
F. Food, Ice	165,111	1	18	...	8/1½	8/	8/3	...
Shale and Oil	80,000	1	10/0	...	1d	...	6d	...
New York and B. Tob.	15,000	1	1	10	19/	...	...	...
Perm. Trust.	25,000	5	2/6	8	3/4	3/4	3/6	6
Perp. Trus.	25,000	10	5/	10	10/	9/9	10/3	5
Q. Meat Exp.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Richardson & Wrench	60,000	1	1	5	10/9	10/6	11/3	9
Silv. Tram	107,800	1	1	20	45/6	40	50/	...
Syd. Exch.	50,000	10	10	6	12	...	...	5
Syd. Hydr'lic	75,000	1	1	10	29/9	29/6	...	6¾
Ditto	37,500	1	10/	10	14/9	14/6	...	6¾
Ditto Hyd. & G. E.	15,000	1	10	10	21/	13/6	...	7
Val. Land (Ord.)	...	...	...	...	1/10	1/10	...	...
Hall's Merc. Agency	12,000	1	20	8	...	...	...	...
Manly Water Chute	...	...	...	...	7/6	—	...	...
W. H. Soul, Patt. & Co.	100,000	1	1	10	...	25/6	27/6	...
LAND & BD.								
Bank. Dep.	...	...	...	...	...	8	9/	...
Haymark. B.	...	...	...	...	17/	...	...	...
Do. Shares	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...
Holt-Suth'ld.	6,000	20	1/	100	...	7/9	...	...
Ind. Prov.	45,[illegible]	20	...	...	...	23	24	5¼
Interc. P'v.	16,[illegible]	1	15/	9	...	17/6	...	7
New. B. & I.	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	...
Syd. Free L.	19,750	7/6	7/6	...	...	3/3	5/6	...
Sydney and Sub. Ben.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

*Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly one.

The directors of Reuter's Telegram Company, Limited, have declared the usual dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum for the half-year ended December 31, 1903. The cash balance in hand on that date was £82,245, and the company's reserve fund now stands at £35,000.

We have already given the banking averages of New South Wales for the first quarter of the year. Those for the other States are published in "The Australasian Insurance and Banking Record," and the principal aggregates of the whole compare with those of some previous quarters as follow:—

Quarter.	Deposits.	Note Circulation.	Coin and Bullion.	Advances.	Percentage of Reserves to Liabilities.
	£	£	£	£	p.c.
Mar., '93	113,550,709	4,818,798	31,484,983	130,547,280	18.1
Mar., '94	102,384,114	4,105,240	23,263,501	126,888,279	21.7
Mar., '95	101,046,[illegible]	3,987,058	24,956,781	119,917,910	23.7
Mar., '96	[illegible]	[illegible]	22,912,805	111,987,874	25.4
Mar., '97	[illegible]	4,156,314	26,1[illegible]	111,316,164	24.9
Mar., '98	98,125,170	4,115,974	[illegible]	106,349,500	22.0
Mar., '99	97,252,4[illegible]	[illegible]	21,809,345	103,242,976	20.5
Mar., '00	104,895,[illegible]	[illegible]	23,362,745	[illegible]	21.4
Mar., '01	103,003,179	[illegible]	22,728,958	103,224,48[illegible]	20.3
June, '01	105,793,779	4,815,840	22,796,080	[illegible]	20.4
Sept., '01	104,989,114	4,587,973	22,775,47[illegible]	104,345,092	20.7
Dec., '01	[illegible]	4,780,28[illegible]	[illegible]	105,308,463	20.5
Mar., '02	108,028,49[illegible]	4,804,826	23,438,[illegible]	103,970,75[illegible]	20.8
June, '02	108,565,848	4,709,[illegible]	24,255,929	103,806,185	21.2
Sept., '02	107,282,[illegible]	4,397,721	25,017,70[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dec., '02	107,614,[illegible]	4,724,877	24,576,48[illegible]	[illegible]	21.7
Mar., '03	109,889,411	4,737,924	23,701,2[illegible]	[illegible]	21.4
June, '03	[illegible]	4,818,994	23,619,854	[illegible]	20.7
Sept., '03	107,893,639	4,548,490	[illegible]	105,085,468	21.3
Dec., '03	107,614,908	4,724,877	24,570,[illegible]	[illegible]	21.7
Mar., '04	[illegible]	4,781,[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

The figures show a decrease in deposits for the year of £432,261, there being, however, an increase as the result of the proceeds of clip and crop for the quarter. For the quarter and year the note circulation showed expansion. The decrease of coin was nearly two millions on the quarter, and over a million on the year, and the proportion of reserves to liabilities is 19.6, or 3s 11d in the £, a reduction for the quarter and year.

A splendid rainfall over a large area of the State was the subject of congratulation in mercantile circles to-day, assuring as it does herbage and water for the winter, and generally favouring agriculturists, as well as graziers and dairymen.

The advocates of municipal fire insurance in the United States are finding that the promises of profits for the ratepayers is not always realised. Insurance business begun without funds is apt to lead to inconvenient results. Following some heavy losses in other States, the representatives of the Legislature of Wisconsin decided to insure its public buildings, and all the money it had to meet the loss of its State Capital, amounting to 800,000dol., was 6000dol. No funds and low premiums have resulted in the necessity to borrow. Private companies can always beat State management in industrial enterprise. Experience has shown that equal economy will not be exercised in the public body. And the difference in the cost under this head would probably as a rule be found to represent more than the amount of profit from underwriting, which some of the socialistic members of State Legislatures and municipal councils think they can save by entering on business in various enterprises, outside the range of their ordinary functions. "Everyone to his own business" is a motto that might well be studied more widely by legislators and aldermen in the present day. Insurance business is certainly one of the last that can be safely entrusted to others than experts.

The offer of the surplus lands forming the Central Railway Station approaches to-day had very disappointing results, as will be seen elsewhere. Probably the backward state of the station operated against the sale, as well as the fact that at the present time there is a less active demand than usual for real estate even for business purposes. For none of the most important properties were the upset prices obtained, and they were withdrawn. Probably the sum of £3631 obtained did not represent more than 2 per cent. of the value of the whole of the allotments included in the plans.

A month ago it was hardly expected in America that there would be such free buying of Australian wool in the London market as the results of the recent series of sales has disclosed. Probably, however, there was some improvement in the Boston market after this opinion was expressed by the "American Wool and Cotton Reporter" on April 21, for that week was about the quietest that had been experienced in the year. Very few manufacturers were on the market, and those who were there bought sparingly. Australian wools were meeting with only a moderate call. The wools purchased at the March London auctions had not sold quite as quickly as some anticipated, although it was believed that they would be all wanted. Top prices were paid for them. They were, however, very nice wools. The concensus of opinion in the trade was that America would not be as liberal a purchaser at the next sales. During the week ended April 21, crossbreds had sold at 47c, clean, for good quarters, and at 42c and 45c for the lower wools. There was a fair demand for the low wools at 42c and 44c, clean. Fine wool had been taken to a moderate extent. Wools spinning 70's sold well, but there were not many of them in the market. Some choice stock had sold at 83c, clean, and some of the finest stock spinning 80's and above sold at even more than 90c, clean. As we have seen, American buyers at the May series of sales in London bought more freely than usual, not less so, proving once again how difficult it is to predict the future of a market. On general grounds, the comparative prosperity in America, and the shortage of home-grown wool, ought to have produced a prophecy of a different character from that given above, and such as experience would have warranted.

BREADSTUFFS.

The wheat market was more sensitive to-day than of late. The general rains have brought forward rather heavier offerings, and it is expected later on that these will still further increase. Business of a fairly extensive character was carried through at 2s 11½d to 3s. The improved prospects in London have added interest to the market from a shipper's point of view. Flour was slow of sale at £7 5s to £7 15s per ton. At Darling Harbour to-day 821 tons of wheat and 124 tons of flour were manifested to arrive.

The following return for the last five years of the net imports of wheat into Queensland, as well as the quantity locally produced, has been compiled by the Government Statist of the northern State:—

Year.	Imported over Exported, Net Bushels.	Grown in Queensland, Bushels.	Total, Bushels.
1899	2,326,592	614,414	2,941,006
1900	2,346,447	1,194,088	3,540,535
1901	1,820,240	1,692,222	3,512,462
1902	1,957,205	6,165	1,963,370
1903	2,767,723	2,436,799	5,204,522

This presentment of the figures scarcely conveys the position, for the imports of 1903, for example, are added to the crop 1903-04, making 5,204,000 bushels available seemingly for 1903. Really, however, the crop 1903-04 is consumed in 1904, and should be added to the imports, if any, of that year. With this qualification the figures explain themselves. With a few good seasons Queensland would be quite independent of outside sources for her breadstuffs supply.

The Collector of Customs reports that for the week ended May 21 the exports of wheat at the port of Sydney totalled 91,782 bushels. The imports of flour aggregated 20 tons, and the exports 618 tons.

IMPORT MARKET.

No activity was displayed to-day in any particular department. Small sales were well distributed throughout all branches of trade, but these transactions were such as did not bring about any quotable variation in the prices of the leading lines. Cables announce greater firmness in cornsacks in Calcutta, and in galvanised and barbed wire in New York.

Tea.—100 chests of Ceylon broken pekoes moved off at 8½d to 9½d, 50 chests of ditto pekoes went at 8d, and 70 chests of Indians at 7½d to 8d per lb.

Messrs. Cyril Trower and Co. will offer at auction to-morrow (Tuesday) at 109 Pitt-street 270 packages of Ceylon teas on account of Messrs. A. Tange and Co., and 512 Ceylons on account of Messrs. Gerber, Michaut, and Co.

Groceries.—There was a steady distributing business carried through on the basis of late market rates. Olive oil from South Australia has been coming to this market for some time now, and is appreciated on account of its purity. It is almost impossible to import olive oil from England, or the Mediterranean even, that is not adulterated with cotton seed oil. Some time ago a New York shipping paper advised the departure of no less than three tank steamers from that port on a single day, bound for the Mediterranean, with cotton seed oil. For what purpose? Production of olive oil has not kept pace with the demand, hence the wholesale adulteration practised. Early this season South Australian oilmakers offered 5s per cwt for good sound olives. About the middle of this month, however, the price was reduced to 3s per cwt, of which 2s 6d per cwt goes to pickers, and 6d for cartage. Growers have to wait 10 or 15 years for a return from their trees. 100lb of olives are said to produce 2 gallons of oil, worth about 10s. The exports of olive oil from South Australia in 1902 totalled 6000 gallons.

Dried fruits.—250 half-cases of Amalias currants were sold at 4½d per lb.

Liquors.—There was a small but steady business in the leading lines at late market rates. Fifty cases of Tennent's ale changed hands at agents' prices.

Metals.—Two parcels of tinplates, 300 and 400 boxes respectively, changed hands at 14s; 25 tons of black fencing wire moved off to land at £7 15s and £8 for 8 and 10. Private cables from New York quote barbed wire at £11 10s, cost and freight by steamer, or equal to £14 6s here. Locally there was no inquiry of note. No. 8 galvanised wire was cabled at £8 f.o.b., New York, being a rise of 7s 6d per ton on last advice.

Jute Goods.—Private cables advise a further advance of 1d in cornsacks in Calcutta, the closing rate being 5s 1½d c.i.f., against 5s 10½d, the lowest point touched this season. On spot, sacks were dull and nominal. There was but little business doing in branbags at 3s 7d. Woolpacks met with little or no inquiry at unaltered rates.

Oils.—Fifty cases of castor oil went to arrive at 2s 4d. The spot price remained at 2s 5d. 330 kegs of Champion's white lead were placed to land at £26 15s and £27 15s for cwts and quarters respectively.

Chemicals.—200 casks of Brunner, Mond, and Co.'s soda ash sold at £7; 1 ton of powdered tartaric acid, 13½d; and 1 ton of 95 per cent cream of tartar at 9½d to 9½d per lb.

The Customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £10,300. The principal items were:—Stimulants, £3854; narcotics, £684; sugar, £62; agricultural products and groceries, £448; apparel and textiles, £1570; metals and machinery, £156; oils, paints, and varnishes, £160; earthenware, cement, etc., £171; drugs and chemicals, £74; wood, wicker, and cane, £463; jewellery and fancy goods, £229; leather and rubber, £354; paper and stationery, £189; vehicles, £261; musical instruments, £11; miscellaneous, £95; harbour and light dues, £49; pilotage, £47; excise on spirits, £261; excise on tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £20; excise on beer, £104; excise on starch, £32.

EXPORT MARKET.

Rabbits in Cold Store.—On Saturday last no less than 43,992 rabbits were packed at the Government Cold Storage Depot, Darling Island. This constitutes a record. It is feared that the department will have shortly to refuse to take more rabbits, owing to the whole of the accommodation available being filled.

London Rabbit Skin Market.—Messrs. C. M. Lampson and Co. report by cable that at the London rabbit skin sales held on Friday best declined ½d and inferior 1½d. Market closed dull, with less inquiry. 72 per cent. of total offering sold.

Butter Statistics.—The Collector of Customs gives the imports of butter at the port of Sydney during the week ended May 21 as 56lb, and the exports as 177,308lb.

Smithfield Market.—Messrs. J. Barre Johnston and Co. report the receipt from Messrs. W. Weddel and Co., London, of the following cable, under date 20th inst:—Prime Wellington mutton, 4½d; market quiet. Beef, oxen, fores 2½d; market quiet. Beef, oxen, hinds, 2½d; market quiet.

Wool Receipts.—At Darling Harbour on Monday six bales of wool were manifested to arrive by rail.

AMERICAN COMMERCIAL.

SAN FRANCISCO (via Auckland), May 6.

Weather continues unfavourable in the main, retarding the cotton and spring wheat seeding in some regions, though during the past several days the latter has been proceeding more briskly. The general condition of the wheat crop as reported by different experts shows some deterioration since April 1. Taken as a whole the record of business for April was not very satisfactory, as the volume was less than during April, 1903, while the margin of profit was smaller. The export of wheat and flour has been poor for some weeks, and last week's record was the smallest for 14 years, amounting to only 1,010,856 bushels, against 3,418,229 during the corresponding week a year ago, 5,308,000 bushels in 1902, 5,100,000 bushels in 1901. The usual statistics continue to indicate a gradual diminution of commercial activity. The bank clearings of the country last week were 44.4 per cent. under those of the corresponding week last year, and the aggregate clearings only about 1,600,000,000dol. All important cities except Chicago, New Orleans, St. Louis, and Minneapolis showed decreases, that at New York being 22.2 per cent., that at Pittsburg 26.2 per cent. The failures for the week were 208, against 203 for same week last year, which is not a bad showing. The April railway earnings as far as received show a falling-off of 55 per cent. from last year.

FREIGHT MARKET.

Page Brothers' freight review states:—"Freights for United Kingdom continue quiet on spot, at say 16s 3d, and owing to lack of demand they are easier for the new crop, vessels having been offered yesterday at 22s 6d for September-October without takers. In the north spot rates have been knocked down to 15s owing to French vessels' anxiety to fix for the future. October-November rates are easier, vessels being reported as now asking 26s 9d without fixtures. The crop prospects up to the present are splendid up north and good here. Lumber freights are steady.

CALIFORNIA CROP REPORT.

Rain last week was of great benefit to the crops in the central and southern sections of the State. Grain and hay are making steady improvement, and growing rapidly. The outlook for good crops appears better as the season advances, especially in the southern section, and some portions of the overflowed districts in Northern California a considerable part of the grain crop was washed out and ruined, but much of the land was greatly benefited by the overflow owing to heavy rains, and will produce fully an average yield. Sugar beets, beans, and hops are making good growth, and appear thrifty. Crops of all kinds are somewhat later than usual, owing to the continued cool wet weather. Green feed is abundant and of good quality, and stock is doing well. Cherries in the Vacaville district are reported very late in ripening, and deciduous fruits in all parts of the State are backward, though in good condition. Apricots, almonds, and peaches will probably be light in most sections, and apples in the vicinity of Hollister will fall below the average; but other varieties of deciduous fruits are expected to yield fully average crops. The vineyards are in excellent condition. Oranges and walnuts are making satisfactory progress.

WHEAT MARKET.

Wheat freights remain at 16s 3d for spot and 21s 3d to 22s 6d for new crop loading. The chartered wheat fleet in port has a registered tonnage of 3261 tons, against 2654 tons on same date last year. The disengaged list is 86,985 tons, against 85,000 tons. On the way to this port there are 241,430 tons, against 324,880 tons. Foreign markets continue heavily supplied, and as the crop prospects are good almost everywhere the market remains about stationary.

LUMBER TRADE.

"Pacific Coast Wood and Iron" says:—General opinion of lumbermen of the Pacific Coast is that the month of April just ended was the slowest period in the lumber trade for the last 10 years. There have been several influences at work which brought down the trade status, but the most important has been the falling off in demands, domestic and local, and the foreign season of stormy weather has had much to do with this.

COAL MARKET.

"Harrison's Coal Circular" says:—Since the departure of the Ventura there have been the following arrivals of Australian coal from Newcastle: W. H. Smith, 2418 tons; Reuce, 2448; Sea King, 2170; Melanope, 2249—total, 9285 tons. These cargoes came to hand very opportunely, as the yards here were almost entirely bare of stock. There are 28 coal-carriers now engaged for this port, with a carrying capacity of about 73,000 tons. Six of these are fully due. Prices remain steady, although there is a slight shading off for late deliveries. Shipments from the Northern coast are being freely made, and are offered at prices which it is difficult for colonial coals to compete with, more especially such grades as are utilised for steam purposes. Fuel oil still holds its sway, and is finding a ready sale at ruling rates. Our principal railroad companies are confining themselves almost exclusively to the use of oil, each month diminishing their consumption of coal for fuel. The quantity of oil being refined is being largely increased. There is a marked falling off in the demand for house purposes, as the warmer weather has put in an appearance. It is anticipated that within a short time the brisk competition now existing among our wholesale dealers will be checked, thus assuring them more profitable business.

NEW YORK CLEARANCES.

For Melbourne: The steamer Tomoana cleared on April 8 with 1683 pkgs hardware, 67 pkgs drugs, 10 bbls codfish, 925 gls varnish, 11,645ft lumber, 50 pkgs soap, 62 pkgs blacking, 130 pkgs paint, 21,800 gls turpentine, 39,604 gls lubricating oil, 16 pkgs polish, 6 csks lactic acid, 250 gls cottonseed oil, 10 cs cement, 6044 lbs wax, 21682 lbs grease, 1600 lbs lard, 11 pkgs glue, 16 pkgs c. black, 410 bgs flour. For Sydney: The steamer Tomoana had 4 cs lasts, 34 cs kalsomine, 119 pkgs soap, 246 pkgs drugs, 7000 lbs grease, 32 pkgs paint, 31 pkgs polish, 9 pkgs blacking, 517 gls lubricating oil, 50 cs axle grease, 17 bgs pimento, 13 pkgs candles, 6 pkgs zinc. For Melbourne: The barque Glenclova cleared on April 18 with 581 pkgs hardware, 417 pkgs drugs, 7 pkgs druggists' sundries, 110,110 pieces of roofing slate, 3357 gls. cottonseed oil, 1 pkg soap, 10 pkgs paint, 65,546 gls lubricating oil, 950 gls turps, 7 pkgs glue, 174 pkgs axle grease, 2130 cs candles, 85 csks cod oil, 25 bbls tar, 75 bbls plaster, 500 bbls rosin, 119 bbls glucose, 14 pkgs plumbers' material, 20 bbls c paste, 667 bbls soda ash.

LUMBER SHIPMENTS.

The barquentine Amaranth sailed from Tacoma to Sydney with 1,297,895ft; the ship Agostino Terrizzano, from Eureka to Sydney, with 821,175ft; the ship Castle Rock, from Blakely to Fremantle; the Loch Trool, from San Francisco to Fremantle, with 663,604ft; the barque Lika, from Gamble to Melbourne, with 1,287,017ft; the barque Hollywood, Puget Sound to Melbourne, with 1,309,816ft.

QUOTATIONS.

To-day's market quotations are:—Wheat, No. 1 shipping, 1.26½dol to 1.36dol; milling, No. 1, 1.35dol to 1.40dol; choice, 1.45dol to 1.55dol; flour, best Californian family is quoted at 4.80dol to 5.05dol; barley, feed, 1.07½dol to 1.08½dol; hay, wheat, 13.00dol to 16.00dol; wheat and oat, 12.50dol to 14.50dol. Hops: The range for good to choice is quoted at 24 cents to 27 cents per lb, and new crop 17½ cents to 20 cents per lb.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

ADELAIDE, Monday.

To-day's Exchange sales and quotations were:—Adelaide Steamship Company, £5 18s 6d, b £5 18s, s £5 19s.

The wheat market continued dull to-day, with only occasional sales. A 1000 bag parcel is reported to have changed hands at 3s 0¾d, but small lots are not worth more than 2s 10d to 2s 11d. Flour quiet. Leading brands worth £7 10s to £7 15s. Bran firm, and worth 7d to 7½d. Pollard held for 8d.

BRISBANE, Monday.

To-day's Exchange quotations were:—Queensland Trustees, b 5s 9d, s 6s 1d; Queensland National Bank, b 12s 6d, s 12s 7d.

To-morrow will be observed as a full holiday by the Exchange.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

To-day's sales were:—Metropolitan Gas, £8 3s. Australian Alliance Insurance, 40s; Melbourne Tram, 19s; Silverton Tram, 50s.

Wheat was firmer, and about 12,000 bags sold at 3s. Sales were also made at 3s 0½d to 3s 1d. Bran was 7½d to 7¾d; pollard 7½d. Algerian oats made 1s 10d to 1s 11d; old maize 1s 11d, new 1s 8d to 1s 10½d; chaff, 42s 6d to 47s 6d; potatoes, 35s to 42s 6d; onions, 30s to 35s.

Business in tea covers 470 chests Indian, 6½d to 8½d; 320 packages Ceylon up to 18d. Fair business was done in cream of tartar and bicarb. of soda. Cornsacks on spot were scarce at 6s 2d to 6s 6d, branbags 3s 6d to 3s 6½d. 30 tons of second brands of G.C. iron sold. Business was done in wire netting to arrive. A moderate business was done in R. S. and Co.'s linseed oil at 2s 8d for raw and 2s 10d for boiled.

PRODUCE MARKETS.—Monday.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

Towards the end of last week business in produce had been of an extremely dull nature. It was not surprising, therefore, to discover the same conditions prevailing to-day throughout the markets, and merchants were generally pessimistic in regard to the current week, it being the closing one of the month. Owing to excess of supplies, two commodities, viz., potatoes and local straw, were forced to decline, the former in a marked degree.

Dairy produce departments were quiet, business in bacon and eggs being especially so. Butter found good local support, while export buying was at a standstill. Prime mild cheese found quick disposal at full rates, but old or inferior makes were hard to move. The feature of the forage market to-day was the preponderance of chaff supplies. Notwithstanding the fact that about 9000 bags came to hand by rail, the market was able to maintain its former position. Extra green wheaten chaff sold at £4, prime £3 10s to £3 16s 8d, medium £2 10s to £3 6s 8d, and straw cuts from £1 13s 4d per ton. Very short stocks of imported sorts were available, but further consignments are expected to-night. Prime manger oaten hay cleared up to £4, and medium makes £3 10s, while Melbourne lots were scarce, and unaltered in price. Local straw was heavily supplied, and, as demand proved weak, prices dropped; good derrick realised £1 15s per ton. On the wharf sales were effected at £2 per ton. The lucerne market was well stocked, but unusually dull, with the result that lower figures had to be accepted. By rail nine truckloads were received, while the Newcastle steamers brought 302 bales to hand. Buyers were almost entirely absent from the wharf, and prices quoted at this centre were practically nominal. Although at auction a consignment of choice Mudgee hay sold at £3 1s 8d, yet Northern hay was cheaper. Prime green and dry makes went at from £2 8s 4d to £2 11s 8d, and medium brown £2 to £2 5s per ton.

The maize market did not present any fresh developments as regards values, and trade in this product was far from brisk. The best dry yellow corn changed hands at 2s 1d, soft 1s 11d to 2s, and white is 10d to 1s 11d per bushel. Over the week-end the arrivals from the rivers totalled about 2200 bags, a great portion of which was of soft or white grain. From the Queensland border four truckloads came forward, and found disposal at auction at 2s 1d and 2s 1½d per bushel. Oats were in poor request, and prime white seed oats sold to-day at 1s 10½d per bushel. Feed oats were slow, but prices remained unaltered. A slump occurred in the potato market to-day, primarily due to the enormous stocks on hand. From last week about 13,000 bags (in itself a week's supply) had to be carried over, and on the top of this 19,000 bags arrived from Tasmania this morning. The market carries a rather serious aspect at present with these huge stocks on hand and a limited consumption; in fact the present state of affairs has had no parallel for a good many years. Best Circular Head potatoes were sold at from £1 10s to £1 15s per ton. Devonport reports a glut in that market, with prices at from 15s to £1 2s 6d per ton. Last week's shipment of Portarlington onions were going at from £2 to £2 5s per ton.

Wholesale quotations were:—

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Bacon and Hams.—Best factory, sides 7½d to 8d, flitches 7d to 7½d, middles 9d to 10d; York Castle, mild-cured sides 7½d, middles 11d; Pineapple, middles 9d, flitches 7d, sides 7½d; Bodalla, sides 7d, middles 8½d, flitches 7d; Federal, sides 7½d; Daisy brand, 8½d; F. F. and I., sides 7½d, flitches 7d, middles 9d, B in circle, 7d, flitches 7d, middles 8½d. Hams: Colonial, in cloth 10d to 1s, small weights 1s 1d; Pineapple, 11d; New Zealand, 1s; York Castle, 1s; Daisy, 1s 0½d; Bodalla, 1s; F. F. and I., 11d; B in circle, 11d lb.

Cheese.—Local: Choice loaf 4¾d, prime 4½d, good 3¾d to 4d, prime large 4½d to 4¾d, inferior from 3d; Kameruka Cheddar, 5d; Bodalla, 5d lb.

Eggs.—Slow. Northern, 1s 5d to 1s 6d; South, 1s 6d to 1s 7d, choice lots 1s 8d; suburban new-laid, 1s 10d to 1s 11d; cold storage, 1s 4d to 1s 5d doz.

FORAGE MARKET.

Chaff.—Local: Choice green £4, prime wheaten £3 10s to £3 16s 8d, medium £2 10s to £3 6s 8d, inferior from £1 15s. Melbourne: Prime wheaten £3 7s 6d, oaten £3, inferior £2 5s to £2 15s. Adelaide: Wheaten £3 10s ton.

Oaten Hay.—Melbourne: Hydraulic-pressed, prime £3 15s, medium £3 10s. Local: Prime rack £3 18s 4d to £4, medium £3 10s ton.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed—Tasmanian: £2. Local: Derrick, £1 15s; bundle, medium £1 15s ton.

Lucerne.—Newcastle wharf: Prime dry green £2 10s to £2 15s, prime dry brown £2 5s to £2 10s, inferior £2 11s 8d, dry £1 5s to £1 10s, soft green £1 to £1 10s. Redfern: Mudgee, choice green £3 1s 8d. Northern, prime green £2 10s, medium £2 to £2 5s, inferior from £1 10s ton.

POULTRY.

Fowls.—River: Choice 3s 6d, good 2s 9d to 3s, young roosters 3s to 3s 6d. English river ducks 2s 9d to 3s, choice 3s 3d; Muscovy ducks, river from 2s to 2s 3d, drakes, good to 4s 6d; geese, 4s to 5s, choice 6s; turkeys, gobblers 9s to 11s, choice 12s, hens 5s to 6s pair.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Bran was quoted at 6¼d to 6½d, and pollard at 7d to 7¼d bus.

FEED-GRAIN MARKET.

Barley.—Firm. English feed 2s 1d, Cape 2s 3d to 2s 4d, medium 2s bus.

Maize.—River: Prime dry yellow 2s 1d, soft samples 1s 11d to 2s, white grain 1s 10d to 1s 11d. Imported: Queensland wharf, best dry 2s; rail, prime 2s 1d to 2s 1½d bus.

Peas.—Grey 3s, blue 3s 9d to 4s bus.

Oats.—Melbourne: Algerian 1s 9d to 1s 10d. Tasmanian: White feed 2s, medium 1s 9d to 1s 10d, inferior 1s 6d. Local: Feed Algerian, prime 1s 7d to 1s 8d, prime white heavy 1s 10d to 2s, medium 1s 8d to 1s 9d, light from 1s 5½d; Algerian, seed 1s 7d to 1s 8d; Tartarian, seed from 1s 10d to 1s 11d bus.

Chickwheat.—Inferior and pinched 1s 4d to 1s 11d, medium smutty 2s to 2s 4d, and full-grain 2s 5d to 2s 7d bus.

Rye Corn.—Nominal.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes.—Plentiful and dull. Tasmanian Circulars, prime redskins £1 15s, prime darkskins £1 10s. Seed: New Zealand kidneys £5 10s ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Onions.—Portarlingtons, prime £2 5s, medium £2 ton.

Turnips.—Tasmanian; £2, inferior from £1 ton.

Honey.—Choice 2½d, good 2d to 2¼d, for tins containing 60lb.

Lard.—Bulk 3½d to 3¾d, bladders 4½d lb.

Beeswax.—Choice clear 1s 2d, other sorts 1s to 1s 1d lb.

REDFERN SALES.

The Redfern saleyards this morning assumed a busier appearance than has been the case for some considerable time past, no less than 84 trucks being forward for auction sale. Out of this chaff formed, as usual, more than half of the total, while grain was but poorly represented. Buyers were in good attendance, but were hardly capable of handling the heavy offerings, and in consequence numerous consignments were passed in. Prime green wheaten cuts were greatly in the minority in the chaff section, but as the inquiry proved firm sales were concluded at 3s 6d to 3s 10d, while a couple of extra green samples realised 4s. Best oaten and medium wheaten sold at from 2s 6d to 3s 4d, and inferior straw cuts made from 1s 8d to 2s 3d per cwt. Oaten hay was in full representation, and prime makes brought 3s 11d to 4s, while a truck of medium rack went at 3s 6d per cwt. Heavy consignments of straw were submitted, and as a result the market weakened appreciably. Good derrick brought 1s 9d, while bundle and rye makes had no request. Wheat received better attention, and prices were satisfactory. Second milling cleared at 2s 9d, medium chick-feed 2s 1d to 2s 2d, and inferior pinched grain 1s 4d per bushel. For a truck of heavy white feed 2s was reached without business resulting, while a consignment of prime white seed went at 1s 10½d per bushel. Four trucks of Queensland maize were offered, and sales were effected at 2s 1d and 2s 1½d per bushel; the demand was firm. A truck of onions remained without a bid.

Among the consignees were:—Messrs. J. W. Gray and Co., Dent and Perry, R. Hall and Son, P. J. Moy and Co., J. Bridge and Co., R. Little and Co., Cameron and M'Fadyen, Ellis and Co., Stewart, Porteous, Dixon, and Co., J. Bell and Co., Wells and Matthews, H. Prescott and Co., H. M. Suttor and Co., Walker and Oxby, J. Bartram and Son, Vingoe, Son, and Chapman, C. W. M'Farlane and Co., Dalgety and Co., and the Farmers and Settlers' Co-operative Society.

The produce consisted of 84 trucks, in the following proportions:—Chaff 55 trucks, lucerne 9, oaten hay 5, straw 6, wheat 2, oats 2, maize 4, and onions 1.

Consignments were disposed of as follow:—

Chaff.—From Furner Bros., Coolamon, (4173) passed; W. Bennett, (6080) passed; T. Watson, (4278) passed, (898) 3s 4d; Moore and Kelly, Ganmain, (5686) passed, (11925) 3s 2d, (2750) passed; P. Quigley, Brewongle, (12686) 2s 9d, (4485) passed; John Pratley, Kelso, (12745) wheaten 4s, and oaten 3s 2d; Christian Bros., Raglan, (70) 2s 7d, (6573) passed; Robt. Webb, Webb's Siding, (11237) passed, (4575) 2s 6d; Graham Smith, Gerra Siding, (9909) 3s 8d, (4048) passed, (11557) passed; J. Bridge and Co., Borre Siding, (11111) passed, (2286) passed; F. W. Oehm, Junee, (4643) passed; Rowston, Ganmain, (11122) 2s 9d; Furner Brothers, Coolamon, (2374) 3s 10d; Fred. Bennett, (2961) 2s 3d, (12241) 3s 2d; G. H. Hubbard, Marysvale, (3637) passed, (5881) passed; T. W. White, Eubenogo, (6744) 2s 9d; John Thomson, Inverlochy, (2597) 2s 9d; J. Carroll, Cargo-road, (2817) 2s 9d, (6074) 2s 9d; M. Burke, Newbridge, (2125) 2s 3d; H. M'Lennan, Perth, (6607) passed; E. Mitchell, Orange, (71) passed; R. Lynn, (7290) 1s 8d; J. J. M'Carthy, Mumbil, (11504) 2s 6d; J. Tarler, Glencoe, (2168) passed; Hutchinson Bros., Stonehenge, (11866) 2s 9d; Hardacre, Armidale, (2027) 2s 6d; M'Carthy, (12236) 2s 3d; Ellis and Co., Millthorpe, (8357) 3s 6d; Dent and Perry, (8177) 3s 6d; Davis Bros., Cowra, (6171) 3s 3d; J. O'Malley, Blayney, (6125) passed; W. H. and Co., Wagga, (2182) 2s 6d; G. Wake and Co., Matong, (9229) 2s 6d, (7375) passed; J. Honeyman, Kelso, (10071) 2s 10d; H. Stevenson, Coolamon, (x210) passed, (6087) 2s 8d, (12132) 2s 7d; C. Johnstone, Nubba, (7085) passed; E. Humphreys, Wallerawang, (1513) passed; H. Scott, Currabubula, (6050) passed, (2245) 2s 8d; J. Kelly, Ganmain, (11767) 4s cwt.

Lucerne.—From Laidlaw Brothers, Moonbi, (3052) 2s 2d; F. Percy, East Maitland, (1109) 2s; Dawson, Nemingha, (3325) 2s 4d; A. Cardale, (955) 2s 5½d; Coupens and Sims, (6287) 2s 2d; Quong Ying, Tamworth, (8599) passed; R. J. Johnston, Nemingha, (5727) 2s 2d, and chaff 2s 8d; Chas. Chung, (3411) 2s 7d; A. J. Cox, Mudgee, (11998) 3s 1d per cwt.

Oaten Hay.—From Burden, Kelso, (4463) 4s; P. Ryan, Newbridge, (8764) passed; W. H. and Co., Orange, (1526) 3s 11d; Pratley, Kelso, (3315) 3s 6d per cwt; Caples, (8064) passed.

Straw.—From Thos. Hyde, Holmwood, (4309) passed; J. Pratley, Kelso, (5554) 1s 9d, (1497) 1s 9d, (2324) 1s 9d per cwt; J. Godfrey, Raglan, (8582) passed.

Rye Straw.—From J. C. Head, Newbridge, (472) passed.

Wheat.—From Stoddart and Co., Manilla, (7072) 2s 1d, and 42 bags branded B 2s 9d; ex Warialda, (2440) SS 1s 4d, 21 WH 2s 2d, 18 T 2s 9d per bushel.

Oats.—From Martin, Blayney, (9084) passed; ex Darling Harbour, (225) 1s 10½d per bushel.

Maize.—From Jackson, Wallangarra, (3028) 2s 1d; R. Ballantine, (6426) passed; Howes Brothers, (8551) 2s 1d; Stenson and Son, (12016) part 2s 1½d per bushel.

Onions.—From Pettit, Apsley, (3777) passed.

FRUIT MARKETS.

All descriptions of fruit at the Bathurst-street fruit mart to-day were slow to move, and business generally was of a quiet nature. Prices do not show any material alteration.

Current quotations were:—

Apples.—Local: Rough, 2s to 2s 6d. Tasmanian: Crabs, 4s to 5s; Adam's Permains, 3s to 4s; Crow Eggs, 3s to 4s; Scarlets, 4s 6d to 5s bushel-case.

Cocoanuts.—10s bag, 1s 3d to 1s 9d doz.

Lemons.—Local: Prime 3s, good 2s to 2s 6d, inferior unsaleable. Americans: 3s 6d half-case, 7s double-case; Italian, 6s to 10s double-case.

Mandarins.—Local: 3s to 4s half-case.

Pineapples.—Common, choice 5s, good 3s to 4s. Queens, 6s to 8s 6d case.

Pears.—Melbourne: Barley's Seedlings, 5s to 5s 6d packer; Winter Nelis, 3s 6d to 4s 6d packer. Tasmanian: Gibling's Seedlings, 4s to 4s 6d; Winter Nelis, choice 4s 6d; Beurre Diel, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; Winter Coles, 3s to 4s half-bushel case. Local: China, 1s 6d to 2s 6d gin-case.

Bananas.—Queensland: 1s to 3s bunch, 6s to 7s case. Fiji: 2s to 3s bunch, 5s to 8s 6d case.

Passionfruit.—Local: Choice 4s to 4s 6d, good 3s, small 2s half-case.

Tomatoes.—Local: Choice 3s 6d to 4s 6d, good 2s 6d, small 1s to 1s 6d half-case.

Oranges.—Navels: Italian 7s 6d half-case, 12s 6d double-case. Queensland: 3s to 5s 6d case; local, common, coloured 3s 6d to 4s 6d, good 5s; Siletts, choice to gin-case.

Quinces.—Choice 3s, good 2s 6d, small and jam lots 1s 6d to 2s case. Melbourne: 4s double-case.

Persimmons.—Choice 5s, good 3s to 3s 6d case.

Grapes.—Local: White 3s to 4s, Black Hamburgh 2s to 3s, Doradilla 2s to 2s 6d half-case, muscatels 4s to 4s 6d box.

VEGETABLE MARKETS.

The quotation list at the Belmore vegetable markets showed little or no alteration of note in previous prices. Stocks were ample for the restricted demand.

Quotations: Cabbages, best quality 2s to 2s 6d; cauliflowers, 4s 6d to 5s; carrots, 6d to 8d; turnips, 9d to 1s; parsnips, 9d to 1s; rhubarb, 1s to 1s 3d; herbs, 4d to 6d; spinach, 4d to 6d; parsley, 10d to 1s; beetroot, 8d to 9d; mint, 9d to 1s; watercress, 1s 6d to 2s; celery, 2s 3d to 3s 6d; lettuce, 6d to 8d; radishes, 4d to 6d; herbs, 6d to 8d doz bunches; onions, 3s cwt; potatoes, Circulars 2s to 2s 3d, sweet 3s to 3s 6d; peas, 5s 6d to 6s; French beans, 9d to 1s; pumpkins, large 5s 6d to 6s doz; tomatoes, 2s 6d to 3s quarter-case; cucumbers, 1s to 2s 6d doz; vegetable marrows, 1s to 1s 6d; eschalots, 9d to 1s; leeks, 9d to 1s doz bunches; artichokes, 2s to 2s 6d; chillies, 4s to 4s 3d bus.

STOCK TRUCKINGS.

For the sale of May 26 255 sheep vans and 92 cattle waggons; and for May 30, 41 sheep vans and 96 cattle waggons.

FAT STOCK SALES.

HOMEBUSH YARDS.—Monday.

SHEEP.

About 6182 sheep and lambs were penned at to-day's sales, from 24 consignors. The sheep comprised all descriptions, and included a fair proportion of prime and extra prime merino wethers. Not many ewes were forward, the bulk of the supply being good, useful wethers. Crossbreds were none too plentiful. They ranged, however, from useful to prime and heavy. There was the usual attendance of buyers, but as the supply was beyond trade requirements competition was slack and values were generally from 6d to 1s per head below last Thursday's reduced rates, one or two usually big buyers operating to a very limited extent. Quotations:—Prime merino w, 17s 6d to 19s; extra prime merino w, 20s to 21s 3d; good merino w, 15s 6d to 16s 6d; medium merino w, 13s 6d to 14s; prime xb w, 19s to 20s; extra prime and heavy xb w, 21s to 23s; good xb w, 16s 6d to 17s 6d; medium xb w, 14s 6d to 15s 6d; prime xb e, 17s 6d to 18s 6d; a few extra prime, 19s to 21s; good xb e, 15s 6d to 16s 6d; medium xb e, 13s 6d to 14s 6d; prime merino e, 15s 6d to 16s 6d; good merino e, 13s 6d to 14s 9d; medium merino e, 11s 6d to 12s 6d; a few inferior, 9s 6d to 10s 6d.

Sales:—

Warden Harry Graves and Son.—J. Henderson, Quirindi, 102 w 19s 4d, 329 17s 11d, 33 xb w 19s 3d, 61 18s 1d.

J. C. Young and Co.—Kiah Lodge estate, Cooma, 106 w 17s 3d to 17s 6d, 393 15s 7d to 15s 10d, 86 14s 3d to 14s 6d.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.—A. G. F. Munro, Moree, 59 w 19s 9d, 96 14s 9d, 26 17s 6d; estate late E. Pratt, Cooma, 386 w 14s 1d to 15s, 34 13s 6d; J. Murdock, Cooma, 280 w 13s 6d, 25 13s 4d, 97 e 11s 3d.

Weaver and Perry.—Northern agents, 204 w 19s 2d, 261 18s 1d to 18s 3d; A. H. and J. Bell, Scone, 50 w 18s 8d to 19s 2d, 164 17s 10d, 45 16s 7d; W. Onus, Gravesend, 85 w 16s 9d to 19s 11d, 156 16s 6d, 137 14s 10d.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—Litchfield Bros., Cooma, 309 w 16s 1d to 16s 3d, 88 15s 9d; trustees G. Campbell, Queanbeyan, 10 e w 17s 4d, 214 w 16s 2d to 16s 8d, 88 16s 9d to 17s 10d; Crisp Bros., Cooma, 190 w 14s 2d to 14s 5d, 83 13s 9d.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—Mrs. Macintyre, Kyuga, 34 e and xb w 22s 10d to 23s 3d, 10 xbw 19s 10d, 12 e and xb e 19s to 21s.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.—Northern agents, Moree, 82 w 18s 6d to 19s, 153 17s 7d to 17s 8d, 23 16s 5d; G. W. Rowlands, Carcoar, 17 w 16s 7d, 80 13s 6d, 5 12s 6d to 15s 7d; D. and E. Cox, Mudgee, 45 w 16s 8d; C. S. Murray, Mudgee, 50 w 15s 7d; Mrs. J. Ware, Bredbo, 126 w 13s 3d, 80 12s 9d.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.—Holcombe Brothers, Burren Junction, 41 w 20s to 20s 1d, 20 18s 10d; A. Holcombe, Burren Junction, 96 w 19s 6d, 50 21s 8d, 20 19s 6d; A. Cameron, Queanbeyan, 37 xb w 15s 11d, 38 14s; C. Mackenzie, Burren Junction, 68 w 20s 6d, 20 xb w 21s 9d, 224 w 19s 10d to 20s 1d, 47 18s 9d; C. Woodhouse, Cooma, 48 xb w and e 15s to 15s 6d, 43 w 14s 3d, 153 e 14s, 54 14s 3d.

Maiden Brothers.—Southern agents, 155 w 14s 6d to 14s 11d, 63 13s 7d.

LAMBS.

A moderate supply of lambs for a Monday's supply was penned. All descriptions were in evidence, chiefly of useful quality. The demand was slack, and values were lower, except for a few prime. Prime lambs 14s 6d to 15s 6d, extra prime to 16s 9d, good lambs 12s 6d to 13s 6d, medium lambs 10s 6d to 11s 6d.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.—A. Holcombe, 32 r l 14s, 15 12s; A. Cameron, 11 b and l 11s, 16 l 13s 5d; C. Mackenzie, 11 13s 5d.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—Mrs. Macintyre, 12 l 16s 9d, 4 13s 6d.

Maiden Bros.—W. J. Wade, Yass Junction, 35 l 12s, 7 10s.

CATTLE.

Upwards of 1005 cattle were yarded, representing 25 consignors. About 420 head of cattle were from the Northern and North-western districts, 308 from Queensland, 150 from the south, and the balance from the west. The yardings comprised a large proportion of prime and heavy and plain weighty bullocks, with a sprinkling of prime, medium, and light-weights. About 160 cows and heifers were forward, chiefly of good to prime quality, and occasional yards of extra prime. The general quality was well up to the average. There was a large attendance of buyers, and as the supply was ample for the demand the market opened to moderate competition at about the values ruling on Thursday last, hardening occasionally for yards of choice light-weight bullocks. Quotations:—Yards of prime bullocks, £9 to £9 10s; yards of prime and heavy bullocks, £10 to £10 10s; odd yards, to £11 2s; odd extra prime and heavy bullocks to £12 11s; yards of good bullocks, £7 15s to £8 5s; yards of medium bullocks and steers, £6 15s to £7 5s; yards of prime cows, £6 10s to £7; yards of extra prime cows, £7 10s to £8; odd extra prime cows to £8 5s; yards of good cows, £5 15s to £6 5s; yards of medium cows and heifers, £4 10s to £5 5s. Best beef (prime medium-weight bullocks), 22s, and occasionally 23s, per 100lb.

Wilkinson and Lavender, Ltd.—J. and W. J. M'Kinney, Gundagai, 22 bullocks to £8, avg £7 10s 3d.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Limited.—Northern agents, Tenterfield, 60 bullocks to £9 5s, avg £8 18s 3d; F. A. Glennie, Moree, 10 bullocks to £9 7s, avg £9 4s 6d; K. J. Finlayson, Guyra, 35 steers to £7, avg £6 16s 2d, 1 cow £6 1s.

J. C. Young and Co.—R. G. Hassall, Tarago, 20 bullocks to £10 4s, avg £9 15s 9d, 11 steers to £8 10s, avg £8 8s 2d; E. H. Wall, Narrabri, 1 bullock £9 15s, 23 steers to £7 8s, avg £7 1s 11d; T. Reid, Cooma, 7 steers at £7, 4 cows at £6 5s.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.—S. Kidman, Queensland, 161 bullocks to £10 12s 6d, avg £8 11s 5d; R. J. Winten, Queensland, 99 cows to £8, avg £7 2s 2d; C. S. Cobb, Queensland, 50 bullocks to £8 8s, avg £8; Walhallow Estate, Quirindi, 19 bullocks to £12, avg £9 1s 9d; H. E. Kater, Moss Vale, 1 bullock, £8 0s, 9 cows at £5 12s; A. Barnes, [illegible], 1 cow at £4.

Hill, Clark and Co.—Hill Bros., Warren, 88 bullocks to £11 2s, avg £10 1s 7d; J. D. Turnbull, Guy Fawkes, 29 bullocks to £9 10s, avg £9 8s 8d; Trustees G. Campbell, Queanbeyan, 4 bullocks to £11 2s 6d, avg £10 4s 1d, 14 bullocks, avg £7 10s; 2 cows to £8 5s, avg £7 10s; John Ryan, Tenterfield, 30 bullocks to £9 1s, avg £8 14s 9d; A. Turnbull, Guy Fawkes, 33 bullocks to £8 10s, avg £8 5s 10d; J. L. Williams, Cooma, 2 bullocks at £8 10s, 2 steers at £5 8s, 1 cow at £5 9s, 4 heifers at £4 11s.

Maiden Bros.—J. R. Lomax, Narrabri, 75 bullocks to £10 12s, avg £9 10s 10d.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.—Trustees late Thos. Walker, Warialda, 10 bullocks to £12 14s, avg £12 0s 9d, 28 to £10 3s, avg £9 12s, 1 cow at £8 3s; R. M. Fitzgerald, Rylstone, 22 bullocks to £9 14s, avg £9 10s 4d; A. G. F. Munro, Moree, 47 bullocks to £10, avg £9 5s 1d; J. S. Vickery, West Tamworth, 24 bullocks to £8 18s, avg £8 13s 1d; Delany Brothers, Cooma, 13 steers to £10 14s, avg £8 11s 2d, 34 heifers to £6 11s, avg £6 1s 7d, 1 bull £4 14s; J. Murdock, Cooma, 8 cows to £6 15s, avg £5 19s 3d, 1 bull £8 10s.

BATHURST, Monday.

At the Corporation Yards to-day 40 head of fat cattle were yarded, and 20 sold. Good bullocks brought £9 3s, mediums £8, small £4 15s to £6. Cows, £4 15s to £5 18s. There were no sheep forward. Best beef worth 23s per 100lb.

WEST MAITLAND, Monday.

Fat stock sales were held at Campbell's Hill to-day in the presence of a large number of buyers. Fat cattle: A very large supply was forward. The demand was fairly active, and values showed a decline on last Thursday's rates. Best yards of bullocks made £11 to £11 10s, good £10 to £10 8s, light and medium £7 16s to £9; cows, best £7 13s to £8 1s, others £4 6s to £6 13s. Calves were in large supply and principally of prime quality. The demand was active, and values were very firm. Best vealers made £4 12s to £5, good 65s to 80s, small and medium 20s to 50s. Sheep: A fairly large supply was penned, consignments consisting chiefly of prime merino wethers with a few pens of crossbreds. Competition was brisk, and values were firm at late rates. Best pens of crossbred wethers made 19s to 19s 4d, seconds 18s to 18s 9d; merino wethers, tops 21s 1d to 22s, prime seconds 19s 4d to 20s, others 15s 8d to 17s 6d; prime lambs 16s 6d to 19s 3d, others 9s to 13s; Britten's merino wethers averaged 19s 10d, Weebollabolla 19s 11d, Walhallow 19s, Mooki 18s 6d, Windsor's crossbred wethers 18s 2d. Fat and store pigs: A fair supply was forward. The demand was fairly active, and values were unaltered. Baconers made 40s to 45s, best porkers 30s to 33s, light 25s to 27s 6d, stores and slips 17s to 21s; suckers 11s 6d to 14s 6d.

ANOTHER LIVER.

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THE CASE OF MR. J. EGAN.

(By a Special Reporter.)

A conscientious guide will always take the shortest way, and save many a wearisome and perilous wandering to those who share his company. So it is with Mr. James Egan, of No. 9, Elliott's-terrace, Springvale, Botany, who said to a reporter:—

"I would like to publicly state to my neighbours what I went through whilst living in Goulburn several years back, and I am sure I can warn them of many an artificial rock that had formerly led me to the brink of destruction."

"You will be rendering a good service," interrupted the writer.

"I think so," pursued Mr. Egan. "You see, I suffered for nearly six years with my liver, but that was not for the want of taking physics, as I was continually doctoring myself with something, and when I found I could make no headway against my complaint, I consulted a doctor, from whom I got another kind of medicine, but it was no benefit. The same unsatisfactory result accompanied my next experience with a medical man, so I went from one to another till altogether I received advice and medicines from a dozen doctors, and was then finally left in the same unhealthy condition as when I started with them."

"No doubt you were greatly disheartened?"

"I was so, for it looked to me that I would never be cured. I was absolutely fit for nothing, always feeling tired and drowsy, and too low-spirited to take interest in my work. I could only eat but very little at a time, and with long intervals between; but I suffered intensely after each meal. Somehow the food went bad in my stomach, causing wind to rise, and creating cramping pains which almost doubled me up, and my chest was so heavy that I could not breathe freely. After being awake nearly all night, it was my usual custom to get up with my tongue all furred, and a most unpleasant taste in my mouth, whilst the aches in my limbs made me feel quite shaky. Often I had to lie up for a week or more through excessive weakness, and at the best of times I went to work feeling more dead than alive, with pains in my head and shoulders that made my life a burden. If I got up quickly from a chair I nearly fell down again through giddiness, and every day my heart palpitated so badly that was almost afraid to move. I had a very anxious time, believe me, and any man with a wife and family to keep knows what it is to find one's self getting thinner and weaker from month to month, and without any hope of ever getting better. Because of the swollen feeling in my eyes and the dimness of my sight, I could not even read, and I was deeply concerned to find that my nervous system was quite shattered. I was just about as hopeless and wretched as I could be when my attention was drawn to a friend's testimonial for Clements Tonic, and I thought if it could cure him it must be a good medicine."

"Did you try some yourself?"

"I thank God I did, as Clements Tonic released me from the awful sufferings I had endured so long, and eventually made me a sound and health man. It began by giving me a desire for food that surprised me, and another remarkable thing about Clements Tonic was that it made me sleep well without being troubled with nasty dreams as of old. My internal organs soon worked with wonderful regularity, my headaches and body pains gradually decreased and finally left me, and in a few weeks my digestive apparatus was perfect. I could actually notice my nerves getting steadier after each dose of Clements Tonic, by the continued use of which medicine my nervous system was toned and invigorated to a splendid degree, and for remedying palpitation and giddiness I found that Clements Tonic was marvellous in its effects. Its strengthening properties gave me more life and vigour than I possessed before I was taken ill, and from every standpoint I was an entirely different man after taking a course of Clements Tonic. My liver disorders were quite removed, and I have not had a moment's trouble from any of my old ailments since the day I was cured by Clements Tonic, and as my experience may be a lesson to others, you can publish what I've said in any way you like."

STATUTORY DECLARATION.

I, James Egan, of 9, Elliott's-terrace, Springvale, Botany, in the State of New South Wales, Commonwealth of Australia, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I have carefully read the annexed document, consisting of three folios, and consecutively numbered from one to three, and that it contains and is a true and faithful account of my illness and cure by Clements Tonic, and also contains my full permission to publish in any way my statements, which I give voluntarily, and without receiving any payment; and I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the Oaths Act, 1900.

James Egan

Subscribed and declared at Sydney this third day of May, one thousand nine hundred and two, before me,

RICHARD F. QUINN, J.P.

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MINING INTELLIGENCE.

The week opened quietly on the Mining market yesterday, but prices as a whole showed little fluctuation. Tin stocks were neglected, while in copper operations were confined to Girilambone at 10½d, 10d. In the Queensland division, Band of Hope and Brilliant Central were easier, but No. 2 South Great Eastern strengthened, selling from 55s to 60s. Queen Cross Reef changed hands at 35s 6d, and South Glanmire and Monkland were taken at 12s 9d. Barrier silver shares remained practically at the previous day's level. Broken Hill South, paid, sold at 30s; and North Broken Hill changed hands at 11s 3d. Local gold and dredging companies were dull. New Hillgrove Proprietary changed hands at 12s 7½d, Peak Hill Proprietary, paid, at 1s 9d, and Mount David at 4½d. Western Australian ventures were neglected.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyers. £ s. d.	Sellers. £ s. d.
COAL.		
Bellambi	—	1 10 0
East Greta	1 4 0	1 6 0
Hebden Greta	0 8 0	...
Hetton		2 12 6
Newcastle	11 0 0	11 10 0
Stockton	0 6 6	0 7 0
Wallsend	28 5 0	30 10 0
Wickham and Bullock Island	0 0 8	0 1 3
Ditto, Preferential (£1 paid)	0 5 0	0 6 6
COPPER.		
Cobar Chesney	0 0 8½	0 1 0
Crowl Creek, contributing	...	0 0 6
Girilambone Mining	0 0 8	0 1 0
TIN.		
Cooper Dredging	—	0 2 0
Cope's Creek Dredging	—	0 8 0
New Wylie Creek	—	0 6 0
Stannary Hills	—	0 2 0
Wilberforce Dredging	—	0 3 6
SILVER. New South Wales.		
British Broken Hill	—	0 16 0
Ditto, new	—	0 6 6
Broken Hill Proprietary	1 14 6	1 16 0
Block 10	1 17 0	1 19 6
B. H. Junction	0 3 3	0 3 5
Junction North	...	0 3 0
North Broken	0 10 9	0 11 3
B. H. South	1 9 6	1 10 0
B. H. South Blocks	—	0 4 2
Sulphide Corporation	0 4 6	—
GOLD. New South Wales, etc.		
King's Reef Company	0 1 3	0 2 1
Mount David	0 0 4	0 0 5
Mount Drysdale	—	0 0 6
Occidental	—	0 6 0
Peak Hill	0 1 8	...
Ditto, contributing	0 1 7	0 1 9
Woodlark Island	—	0 4 2
Ditto, contributing	0 2 1	0 2 9
Dredging and Sluicing Companies.		
Araluen Central	0 14 0	—
Ditto, contributing	0 13 0	—
Associated Gold Dredging	—	0 3 6
Buckland River South Extended	—	0 4 0
Federal Centrifugal	—	0 1 3
Ovens Valley	—	0 6 6
Turon River	0 4 0	—
Queensland.		
Band of Hope	0 14 0	—
Bonnie Dundee	0 3 8	0 4 3
Brilliant Central	3 1 0	3 3 0
Brilliant Extended	—	0 11 0
Brilliant St. George	—	1 10 0
Ditto, contributing	—	1 7 0
Clark's Brilliant Worcester, etc.	—	0 1 9
Columbia Smithfield	—	0 2 0
East Oriental and Glanmire	—	0 3 3
Ditto, contributing	—	0 1 8
Kelly's Queen Block	0 2 3	0 2 8
Mount Morgan	2 3 0	—
New Irish Girl, contributing	0 1 0	—
North Columbia and Smithfield, No. 1 (old)	0 1 6	0 2 6
Ditto (new)	0 0 10	0 1 0
No. 1 North Phoenix	0 2 6	0 3 0
North Smithfield	0 4 4	0 4 8
No. 1 North Smithfield	—	0 15 6
Oriental and Glanmire	—	0 8 0
Queen Central	0 15 9	0 16 3
Queen Central Block	—	0 9 0
Ditto, contributing	0 4 3	0 4 6
Queen Cross Reef	1 15 0	1 16 0
Ruby	—	0 4 0
Ruby, contributing	—	0 3 5
Smithfield and P. Golden Pile	0 11 0	—
South Glanmire and Monkland	0 12 0	0 12 9
South Great Eastern No. 1	—	0 1 1
Ditto, No. 2	2 19 6	3 0 0
Vesuvius	—	0 9 0
Victory	0 5 9	0 8 5
Victoria and Queen	0 3 8	—
Western Australia.		
Associated	3 5 0	—
Ditto Northern Blocks	—	1 7 8
Chaffer's	0 2 0	—
Golden Horseshoe	—	8 10 0
Great Boulder	1 7 3	1 8 0
Ditto Main Reef	—	0 10 0
Great Boulder Perseverance	1 0 6	1 1 0
Great Fingall	8 0 0	8 10 0
Ivanhoe	—	8 10 0
Kalgurli, London register	—	5 15 0
Kalgurli South, London register	—	1 14 9
Lake View Consols L.R.	—	1 7 9
Oroya Brown Hill	3 11 6	—
Queensland Menzies	0 7 3	0 7 10
Queen Margaret	0 3 0	—

EXCHANGE SALES.

The following sales were reported:—On 'Change: No. 2 South Great Eastern, 55s, 56s, 56s 6d; No. 1 North Columbia, contg, 10d. Noon: Girilambone, 10½d; No. 2 South Great Eastern, 59s; Mount David, 4½d; Queen Cross Reef, 35s 6d. Afternoon: New Hillgrove Proprietary, 12s 7½d; No. 2 South Great Eastern, 60s. Later: Girilambone, 10d; Peak Hill Proprietary, paid, 1s 9d; North Broken Hill, 11s 3d; Broken Hill South, paid, 30s; No. 2 South Great Eastern, 60s; South Glanmire and Monkland, 12s 9d.

The Sulphide Corporation, Ltd., advise work done during the week ended May 14 as follows:—Central Mine, Broken Hill: Ore milled, 4720 tons; concentrates produced, 860 tons; average assay of concentrates, silver 30.3oz per ton, lead 61.3 per cent., zinc 10 per cent. Cockle Creek Works: Bullion produced, 484 tons, containing 766oz gold and 33,647oz silver.

A report from the dredge-master of the Jembaicumbene Middle Ground Company's dredge states that the new crown wheel was fitted on Wednesday last, dredging being resumed that night. The plant has been running steadily since, but there was no clean up, owing to working such a short time. Some of the face improved considerably, but there was still one very bad spot in it, consisting of stiff clay and boulders.

The New Wylie Creek Company's dredge worked 115 hours last week, and cleaned up for 27cwt of tin ore.

The Broken Hill South Silver Mining Company last week treated 3236 tons of crude ore, and 724 tons of retreats, producing 654 tons of concentrates, assaying 68 per cent. lead, 26oz silver, and 8 per cent. zinc.

The dredgemaster of the Cope's Creek Co.'s dredge reports that last week the plant worked well throughout, the principal work being sluicing overburden, and blowing in the bottom dirt for a return of three tons for the week's work. Sluicing is still going on in the usual way, and preparations are being made for shifting the barge to the new site as soon as the present paddock has been cleaned up.

NO. 2 SOUTH GREAT EASTERN GOLD-MINING COMPANY.

MEETING OF SYDNEY SHAREHOLDERS.

ACTION OF THE BOARD CRITICISED.

A meeting of the Sydney shareholders in the No. 2 South Great Eastern Gold-mining Company (Gympie) was held at the Empire Hotel, Pitt-street, yesterday afternoon, for the purpose of discussing matters in connection with the management of the company. Mr. Bottrell presided, and there were about 30 gentlemen present.

The Chairman announced that in reply to a telegram, asking if he had any further explanation to make regarding the mine to be placed before the meeting, the chairman of directors wired:—"Cannot understand exactly what is meant by further explanation. Mine looks well in all faces; nine bags of specimen stone got last week. No reason to anticipate reduction in dividends and bonus on present appearances. Have not sold one single share myself, and consider the panic absolutely unwarranted. Sydney shareholders are responsible for position. The late chairman and another director sold out. I was not in their confidence. Advise meeting to submit points on which information is required, and adjourn. Can promise them nothing will be kept back, nor anyone spared. As far as I am concerned, cannot stop people rushing market. Besides my own, I represent many thousands, and not one has been sold."

The following resolutions were carried:—

1. "This meeting desires to know by whose order the reserves of amalgam and specimens were accumulated, and at whose direction the same were periodically withdrawn from the reserve for the purpose of sweetening crushings."

2. "That an exact statement be furnished of the amalgam returns from the crushing mill from stone crushed since last January."

3. "That a statement by the secretary of the company, detailing the principal operations in the mine and various parts of the mine for the past six months, be submitted to a representative of this meeting in Gympie."

4. "That this meeting protests against the past and any future action of the directors in accumulating amalgam and using it for the purpose of sweetening crushings; and that any surplus amalgam in future be realised and placed to the credit of the company."

5. "That the directors be asked to account how they obtained the accumulation of 6000oz of amalgam, and why they have not shown it in any of their reports."

6. "That a representative of this meeting be sent to Gympie to obtain information asked for, and a copy of the share register; also that an expert be engaged to inspect the mine, and report to the Sydney shareholders."

Mr. J. Meyer was appointed to go to Brisbane as the representative of the meeting.

MINING IN THE STATE.

NUNDLE, Monday.

The Tamworth tributers dollied 14oz of gold from a small parcel of stone on Saturday.

PARKES, Monday.

Kable and party put through 30 tons at Bushman's battery from their property at Currajong for 60oz 11dwt of smelted gold. The Kohinoor tributers at the Kohinoor battery treated 39 loads for 76oz 10dwt of gold.

THE GOONIGAL RUSH.

GRENFELL, Monday.

At the Goonigal rush there are no fresh developments. Beath and O'Brien at their claims continue to get good gold. No. 2 shaft is down 125ft. No. 3 and 4 have bottomed their second shafts shallow. They have started third shafts in deep ground. They are further west than was anticipated, and it will be 15 days before they bottom. It depends on these two claims to prove if the lead extends any distance.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Monday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—Associated (colonial), 65s 9d, 66s 6d, b 66s 3d, s 66s 6d; Associated Northern Blocks (colonial), b 25s 9d, s 26s 6d; Chaffers, 2s 4d, 2s 10d, b 2s 11d, s 3s; Cumberland, paid, 8s 1d, 8s 2d, 8s 1d, b 8s 1d, s 8s 2d; Great Boulder, 27s 4½d, b 27s 3d, s 27s 4½d; Great Boulder Main Reef (colonial), 8s 9d, 8s 8d, b 8s 6d, s 8s 10d; Great Boulder Perseverance (colonial), 21s 1½d, b 21s 1½d, s 21s 4½d; Hainault (colonial), b 15s 9d, s 16s 1½d; Ivanhoe (colonial), b £8, s £8 2s; Lake View Consols (colonial), b 26s 6d, s 28s; North Kalgurli, 6s 4d, b 6s 3d, s 6s 4d; Oroya Brown Hill (colonial), 72s 6d, 73s, b 72s 9d, s 73s; Princess Royal, paid, 24s 6d, b 24s 3d, s 24s 9d; ditto, contg, 22s 1½d, 22s 4½d, b 22s 3d, s 22s 6d; Queen Margaret, 3s 4d, b 3s 3d, s 3s 3d; Queensland Menzies, b 7s 6d, s 7s 9d; South Kalgurli (colonial), b 33s 6d, s 34s; Tarcoola Blocks, b 7s, s 7s 2d; B.H. Proprietary, 35s, 35s 4½d, b 35s 3d, s 35s 6d; B.H. Block 10, b 38s 9d, s 39s 6d; B.H. Junction, b 3s 4d, s 3s 5d; North Broken Hill, b 11s 3d, s 11s 7½d; B.H. South, paid, b 30s, s 30s 4½d; ditto, contg, 22s 9d, b 22s 6d, s 23s 3d; Junction North, 2s 11d, b 2s 11d, s 2s 11½d; Sulphide Corporation (ord.), 4s 9d, b 4s 9d, s 4s 11d; Wallaroo, b 20s 9d, s 21s 11d.

BENDIGO, Monday.

The following sales were reported on the Exchange to-day:—Clarence, 64s 6d, 64s 9d, 62s; Hustler's Reef, 23s 3d; Hustler's Reef No. 1, 17s 6d; North Argus, 18s, 17s 9d; New Argus, 20s 6d; Specimen Hill, 20s 6d, 21s 6d, 20s 6d; Sea, 20s 7½d, 19s 6d.

BRISBANE, Monday.

Sales on the Exchange to-day were:—No. 1 North Columbia Smithfield, contributing, 9d; South Glanmire and Monkland, 12s 6d; South Glanmire and Monkland Tribute, 3d, 2½d; No. 2 South Great Eastern, 58s 6d; North Oriental and Glanmire, 1s 1d; Wilmot Extended, 2s 1½d; Queen Central Block, contributing, 4s 2d; Queen Cross Reef, 36s 6d; London North, contributing, 1s 11d. Quotations were:—Brisbane Chillagoes, b 7d; Smith's Creek, s 1s 2d; Stannary Hills, s 1s 10d.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Monday.

To-day's sales were:—London, 2s 9d; London North, 2s 3d; New Irish Girl, 1s 2d, 1s 3d; New Queen, 5s 6d, 5s 4d; North Queen, 9d; Queen Cross Reef, 36s; Queen Central Block, contg, 4s 3d; Ruby, 2s 11d; Ruby United, 3s 6d; Victoria, 1s 1d, 1s; Wallis' Day Dawn, b 5d, s 5½d; ditto, paid, 1s 4d.

Quotations were:—Bonnie Dundee, s 4s; Brilliant Central, b 61s, s 63s; Brilliant Block, s 10s 6d; ditto, paid, s 11s 6d; Brilliant Freehold, b 6d; Brilliant St. George, b 25s; ditto, paid, s 31s; Brilliant Extended, b 6s 6d, s 7s 3d; ditto, paid, b 11s; s 12s; Clark's B. W. and Victory, b 11d, s 1s; ditto, paid, b 1s 7d, s 1s 8d; Day Dawn Gold Mines, b 5d; Elliott's Queen, b 8d, s 11d; Grant and Sunset, s 6d; ditto, paid, s 1s 9d; Grand Junction, b 1s 7d, s 2s; Imperial, s 9d; Kelly's Queen Block, b 1s 1d, s 1s 3d; ditto, paid, b 2s 3d; Kulamadau, b 1s 8d, s 1s 10d; London, b 2s 7d, s 3s; ditto, paid, b 3s 9d; London North, b 2s 2d, s 2s 5d; ditto, paid, b 3s 1d, s 3s 4d; Marshall's Queen, s 7s; ditto, paid, b 7s, s 7s 9d; Mills' United G.M., b 4s 9d, s 5s 6d; New Irish Girl, b 1s 2½d, s 1s 3d; New Queen, b 5s 2d, s 5s 6d; North Queen, b 1s, s 1s 3d; ditto, paid, b 3s 3d, s 3s 9d; Papuan, b 4s, s 4s 9d; Phoebe, b 2s, s 2s 6d; Queen Cross Reef, b 35s 6d, s 38s 6d; Queen Central, paid, b 15s 9d, s 16s 6d; Queen Central Block, b 4s 1d, s 4s 2d; Ruby, b 2s 11d, s 3s; ditto, paid, b 3s 3d; Ruby United, b 3s 4d, s 3s 6½d; ditto, paid, b 4s 1d, s 4s 3d; Ruby Extended, s 3½d; ditto, paid, b 1s 2d, s 1s 3d; Ruby Macdonald, b 2s, s 6d; ditto, paid, b 9d; Ruby South, b 5d, s 5½d; ditto, paid, b 1s, s 1s 4d; Vesuvius, s 9s; Victoria and Queen, b 3s 11d, s 4s 2d; Victoria and Caledonia Block, b 1s 11d; ditto, paid, b 3s; Victoria, b 11d, s 1s 1d; Victory, b 5s 0½d, s 5s 2d; Wallis' Day Dawn, b 5½d, s 6d; ditto, paid, b 1s 3d, s 1s 6d.

GYMPIE, Monday.

The following sales were reported on the Exchange to-day:—No. 1 North Columbia Smithfield (new), 11d, 11½d; No. 2 North Columbia Smithfield, 11d; No. 1 North Home Rule, 11d; North Oriental and Glanmire, 1s; Oriental Consols, 2s 3d; No. 5 N. Phoenix, 11½d; Eastern Nos. 2 and 3 Smithfield Tribute, 1s 8d; No. 1 North New Zealand, 4d.

Quotations were:—Columbia Smithfield, b 1s 10½d, s 2s 1d; No. 1 North Columbia Smithfield (new), b 11d, s 11½d; No. 2 North Columbia Smithfield, b 10½d, s 11d; No. 1 North New Zealand, b 4d, s 4½d; South Glanmire and Monkland, b 12s 6d, s 13s; No. 1 South Great Eastern, b 11½d, s 1s 2d; No. 2 South Great Eastern, b 59s, s 62s; No. 7 South Lady Mary, b 6½d, s 7d; No. 1 North Home Rule, paid, b 1s 3½d, s 1s 6d; ditto, contg, b 1s s 1s 0½d; No. 1 North Oriental and Glanmire, b 3s 4d, s 5s; No. 2 North Oriental and Glanmire, b 1½d, s 4d; North Oriental and Glanmire, b 1s s 1s 1d; Oriental Extended, b 7d, s 8d; East Oriental and Glanmire, contg, b 1s 4½d, s 1s 7d; Oriental Consols, b 2s 3d, s 2s 5d; Phoenix Golden Pile, b 1s 1½d, s 1s 5d; No. 5 North Phoenix, b 11½d, s 1s; Smithfield and P. Golden Pile, b 11d, s 1s; North Smithfield, b 4s 1d, s 4s 6d; Eastern Nos. 2 and 3 Smithfield Tribute, b 1s 8d, s 1s 8½d; South Smithfield and Glanmire, paid, b 8d, s 11d; No. 1 North Victory, b 6d, s 1s 6d; Wilmot Extended, paid, b 1s 11d, s 2s 3d.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

Sales and quotations on the Exchange today were:—

Silver: Broken Hill Block 10, 37s 6d, 38s, b 38s, s 39s; Junction North, b 2s 9d, s 2s 11d; Broken Hill Proprietary, 35s 3d, b 35s 3d, s 35s 6d; Broken Hill South, b 21s; ditto, paid, b 29s 6d, s 30s; South Blocks, b 6d, s 9d; North Broken Hill, b 11s, s 11s 6d; Victoria Broken Hill, s 9d.

Copper and gold companies: Mount Lyell, 14s 3d, 14s, 14s 3d, b 14s, s 14s 3d; Victoria (Charters Towers), b 10d.

Tin mines: Briseis, 9s 3d, 9s 5d, b 8s 5½d, s 8s 6d; Brothers' Home No. 1, 14s 6d, 14s 9d, 14s 7½d, b 14s 6d, s 14s 9d; Pioneer, b £6 4s.

Victorian mines: Amalgamated Scots and Perthshire, 6½d, 7d, b 7d, s 8d; Berry Extended, 29s 6d, b 29s; Berry United, 3s 6d, b 3s 3d; Birthday Tunnel, b 6s, s 7s 6d; Cassilis, b 16s 6d, s 18s 6d; Clarence, 64s, 65s, 64s 6d, b 64s, s 64s 6d; Columbia, 1s 9d, 1s 10d, b 1s 9d, s 1s 10d; Duke of Wellington, 13s 3d, b 13s, s 13s 6d; ditto, South, 1s 1d, b 1s, s 1s 1d; Duke of York, 6s 6d, 7s, b 6s 9d, s 7s; ditto, paid 6s 6d, b 5s 6d, s 6s 6d; Federal Sisters, b 4d; Glenfine South, b 4d; Golden Dyke, contributing, b 1s 6d, s 2s; Governor-General, b 1s 9d, s 2s 3d; Granya, b 3s 6d, s 4s; Great Northern Extended Consols, 15s 9d, b 14s 6d, s 16s; Great Southern, b 33s, s 34s 6d; Great Southern Consols, b 5s 10d; ditto No. 1, 4s 3d, 4s 11d, 4s 6d, b 3s 6d, s 5s; Hunt's Extended, b 4s, s 7s; Hustler's Reef, 23s 3d, b 22s 6d; Hustler's Reef No. 1, 17s 7d, b 16s 9d, s 18s 6d; Jubilee, 38s 6d, s 42s; Long Tunnel, 76s, 77s, b 76s 6d, s 78s; Long Tunnel Extended, £13, b £12 18s, s £13 1s; Lord Nelson, 57s, 58s, b 57s; Mount Tarrengower, 5½d, 6d, b 5d, s 6d; New Argus, 20s 6d, 20s 9d; New Birthday, s 1s; New Chum Gold, 7s 7½d; New Dempsey, b 16s 6d, s 18s; ditto, paid, s 16s; New Loch Fyne, 25s 6d, b 25s, s 27s; New Moon Consolidated, 8s 3d; North Sir John Franklin, 2s 8d, 2s 7d, b 2s 8d, s 2s 9d; North Woah Hawp, b 9s, s 10s 6d; Perseverance Dredging, b 50s, s 60s; Prentice and Southern, 6s 3d, b 4s 9d, s 6s; Rob Roy, 8d, b 7d, s 10d; Russell's Reef, 8s 6d, 8s 3d, 8s 6d, b 8s 3d, s 8s 6d; Sir John Franklin, 2s 4d, 2s 3d, b 2s 3d, s 2s 4d; South British, 2s, b 1s 4d, s 2s; South German, b 10s, s 11s; South New Moon, b £3 12s, s £3 5s; South Russell's Reef, No. 1, 1s 2d, b 1s 2½d, s 1s 9d; South St. Mungo, 1s 1d; Specimen Hill, 22s, 20s 9d, b 20s 9d; Spring Hill Leads, 5s 9d, b 5s 3d; Star of the East, b 3s, s 3s 6d; Suffolk United Tribute, 15s 6d; Unity, b 13s, s 14s 6d; William's Fancy, 16s 6d, b 16s 3d, s 17s.

Western Australian mines: Great Boulder, b 27s 3d, s 27s 6d; Phillips' River, b 1s; Phillips' River Options, s 37s; Tindals, b 1s, s 1s 3d.

THE DEE RIVER RUSH.

BRISBANE, Monday.

Prospectors at the Dee River Rush, near Rockhampton, found a nugget weighing 41oz on Friday.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MINES.

KALGOORLIE, Monday.

The latest addition to the Associated's ore reduction plant will start running in about a fortnight's time. The installation of this battery should pave the way for still further reductions in working costs.

Crosscutting in the direction of the Kalgurli's south corner peg is now proceeding from the end of the south drive at the 1000ft level of that property. It is anticipated that this piece of prospecting will furnish satisfactory results, as good values have recently been struck in that vicinity in the adjoining Oroya North and Associated leases.

At Hannan's Star operations are at present confined to opening up the fifth level. The management, however, are awaiting the receipt of instructions from the London office to prospect in deeper ground for the continuation of the main chute and the rich seam of ore which is now opening up so well in the Boulder Deep Levels lease, which is situated to the southward of this property.

REPORTS.

The manager of the King's Reef G. M. Company reports for the week ended May 21:—Drove 18ft for the week, making a total of 45ft, but finding the stone pinched, started stoping at No. 2 level north and south of winze on a reef averaging a foot, carrying gold. There is now 50 tons of stone at grass, and 30 tons from outside sources at battery awaiting crushing.

The manager of the Specimen Gully Proprietary G. M. Company reports for the week ended 21st inst:—Have driven crosscut 20ft, making a total of 48ft. Cut Ackerman's reef at 40ft from shaft carrying gold. Have started to drive north of Ackerman's; expect to cut the different shoots I know of in 8ft. Have cut a lot of old backs, but in following up rise have struck more solid ground with gold in face.

The manager of the Cuprite Consolidated Tin Mines reports under date May 7:—Lomond deep winze: Excavation now large; will sink on most favourable position to cut ore body. Mill: Seeking for carriers.

GOLD YIELDS.

Brilliant Extended crushed 1750 tons for 185oz of gold. The concentrates are estimated to net a further 400oz.

Mount David crushed 267 tons for 116oz; concentrated 1250 tons for 63oz.

GOLD-DREDGING RETURNS.

Araluen Central No. 1.—40oz for 127 hours.
Araluen Central No. 2.—42¼oz for 100 hours.
Araluen Proprietary.—30oz for 134 hours.
Araluen Consolidated No. 1.—63oz for 117 hours.
Araluen Consolidated No. 2.—40oz for 129 hours.
Associated No. 1.—47oz for 138 hours.
Associated No. 2.—29oz for 49 hours.
Buckland River.—17oz for week.
Buckland River South Extended.—9oz for week.
Elrington.—37oz for fortnight.
Turon River No. 1.—22oz for 121 hours.
Turon River No. 2.—25oz for 133 hours.

ELECTORS' RIGHTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—At the present time, when economy in administration is the great question of the day, would it not be opportune for the powers that be to consider the advantages that would be gained by the abolition of the present cumbersome, expensive, and I contend useless system of "electors' rights?" The only reason advanced in favour of the continuance of the system is that it acts as an additional precaution against impersonation or double voting; but there are so many serious drawbacks in connection with the use of these rights that any value they may possess for this purpose is more than counterbalanced.

In the first place, the electors' rights do not absolutely do away with the possibility of impersonation. An hotelkeeper, whose customers consist largely of seafaring men, stated some time since that he had more than 50 rights in his safe which had been given to him by customers for safe custody during their absence. There is nothing to prevent any person making use of such rights and voting under the name written thereon. If challenged, the fraud could be discovered by comparing the signature on the right with that of the person claiming to vote, but a man bent on personation would consider the risk of detection no greater than under the old system.

If there is anything gained by the use of these rights there is a heavy per contra. In the first place, the system is very costly. There are about 600,000 rights required throughout the State, and if a full return of the direct and indirect expense incurred in connection with them could be compiled it would astonish the public. Taking into account the fact that at times a large proportion of the police force of the State is engaged in connection with the delivery of the rights, also that it is necessary to employ a small army of clerks, registrars, etc., and adding the cost of printing, stationery, postage, etc., I venture to say that the total cost would equal the amount saved by the recent reduction of members. The printing bill alone would be a large item, because the rights are necessarily printed for the sake of durability on the most expensive paper, nearly equal to that used for bank notes.

But the most serious indictment against the system is that it is the cause of a large number of electors being disfranchised. When an election takes place numbers of people cannot vote because their rights have been mislaid or lost. They can, of course, obtain a duplicate by applying in the proper quarter, but many electors will not trouble to do this, or have not the time or opportunity. The holding of an elector's right does not of itself confer the right to vote. The name must also be on the roll, and if this has been carelessly or incorrectly compiled, the whole expense and trouble incurred in connection with the elector's right is rendered useless, and the elector finds to his annoyance that although he has an elector's right he cannot vote. This is a case that often occurs. I certainly think this double qualification unnecessarily cumbersome. In former times, when the gold fields electorates were in existence, the miners had the right to vote on their "miners' rights," and the mere production of a miner's right entitled the holder to vote at any polling place. No rolls were used, and therefore no additional expense was incurred either for rolls or rights.

Under the Federal electoral law no electors' rights are required, and the system has worked very well in that respect. If there were any attempts at impersonation or double voting the number was so insignificant as not to be worth taking into account. I contend that the other precautions provided, in the shape of heavy fines and imprisonment, are sufficient safeguard.

Another feature is the difference between the State and Federal electoral laws. The fact that electors' rights are required in one case and not in another is likely to confuse the ordinary voter, and lead to a still greater number being lost, owing to the impression that they are no longer required. It would be much better to bring both systems into line. There are also other points in the Federal system that might with advantage be adopted by the State, such as the method of marking the ballot papers. After their experience at the last Commonwealth election, many new voters will again mark their papers with a cross instead of ruling out the rejected names as required by the State law, thereby causing informal votes.

In event of a sitting of Parliament being held before the dissolution, a short Act could be passed abolishing the necessity for the further use of electors' rights. In addition to effecting a large saving in the public expenditure, this would get over the trouble caused by the recent changes in the electorates, as it would be comparatively easy to rearrange the rolls.

I am, etc.,
May 20. A. B. ARMSTRONG.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

HOUSES AND LAND.

BATT, RODD, and PURVES.—At their Rooms, at 11.30, Houses and Land.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

H. Y. NORTON.—On the Premises, Clair, Church-street, Ashfield, at 11, Furniture, Glassware, China, Oil Paintings, Carpets, Piano, etc.
C. TROWER and CO.—At the Mart, at 12, Teas.
J. R. LAWSON and LITTLE.—At Anthemis, 60 Oxford-street, Petersham, at 11, Furniture, Pianoforte, etc.; at 131 Arthur-street, North Sydney, at 2.30, Furniture, Pianoforte, Carpets, etc.
E. H. BRODRIBB.—At 477 Pitt-street, at 11, Furniture, Piano, Showcases, Gas Stove, etc.
J. COWAN.—On the Premises, 97 George-street West, at 11, Machinery, Artesian Tubing, Stores, etc.
V. H. KELSON.—At the Rooms, at 11, Furniture, Glassware, Cutlery, Pianoforte, etc.
J. P. LISTER.—At his Rooms, at 11, Electroplated-ware, Cutlery, Books, Opera Glasses, etc.; at 2, Jewellery, Gold and Silver Watches, etc.
A. G. JENKINS.—At his Rooms, at 11, Clothing, Boots, Blankets, etc.
MIDDLETON and CO.—At 170 George-street West, at 2, Clothing, Boots, Drapery, Furniture, etc.
MITCHELL and CRANSTON.—At 93 Regent-street, at 10.30, Furniture, Crockery, etc.
J. T. JONES.—At 342 Cleveland-street, at 2, Furniture, Crockery, etc.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At the Bazaar, at 10.30, 11, and 11.30, Horses, Vehicles, etc.; at the Camperdown Yards, at 2, Horses.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A. BARNETT.—On the Site, rear of Massey-Harris, Broadway, at 11, Building Materials, Water Piping, etc.

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THE Funeral of the late Miss LILY HUTHWAITE will leave 20 Ocean-street, Woollahra, THIS DAY, at 10 a.m., for Waverley Cemetery.

GRAHAM.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. T. GIBSON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved BROTHER, John Graham; to move from their residence, 20 Bathurst-street, city, THIS TUESDAY, at 1.30 p.m., for the Necropolis. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Undertakers.

M'DONALD.—The Friends of the deceased, ALLAN M'DONALD, are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to leave his late residence, 330 Kent-street, Sydney, THIS TUESDAY, at 1.30, to the Rookwood Cemetery. T. DIXON, Undertaker, 29 Oxford-street, Hyde Park. Tel., 285.

WHALEN.—The Friends of Mr. JOHN WHALEN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late dearly loved WIFE; to leave Sydney Hospital (Domain entrance), THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis. COFFILL and COMPANY, Central Office: Rawson-place, George-street, Haymarket, Telephone, 424, etc.

WHALEN.—The Friends of MILLIE, JOHN, and FREDERICK WHALEN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved MOTHER; to leave Sydney Hospital (Domain entrance), THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30 for the Necropolis. COFFILL and COMPANY, Undertakers and Embalmers.

WHALEN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM M'DONALD are requested to attend the Funeral of their beloved MOTHER, the late Mrs. Annie Whalen; to move from the Sydney Hospital at 1.30 p.m. for the Necropolis.

WALSH.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. DANIEL WALSH are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SON, William Joseph; to move from their residence, 17 Marion-street, Enmore, THIS TUESDAY, at 1.45 p.m., for Rookwood Cemetery, via Newtown Station. W. N. BULL, Teles., 9 Newtown, etc. Undertaker.

WALSH.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS TRACEY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved NEPHEW, William Joseph Walsh; to leave his parents' residence, 17 Marion-street, Enmore, THIS TUESDAY, at 1.45 p.m., for Rookwood Cemetery, via Newtown Station. W. N. BULL.

HARRINGTON.—The Friends of the late TIMOTHY HARRINGTON are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to leave his late residence, 5 Eltham-street, Lewisham, THIS (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for Lewisham station, thence Necropolis. J. BRAUER, Undertaker, Summer Hill. Tel., 229 Ash.

HARRINGTON.—The Friends of JOHN, TIMOTHY, and MARY HARRINGTON are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved FATHER, Timothy Harrington; to move from 5 Eltham-street, Lewisham, THIS (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, 1.15, for Lewisham station, thence Necropolis.

HARRINGTON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS BELL are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of the late TIMOTHY HARRINGTON (Harrington and Bell); to move from 5 Eltham-street, Lewisham, THIS (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood. J. BRAUER, Undertaker.

HOAD.—The Funeral of the late Mr. LESLIE HOAD will leave his aunt's (Mrs. Rudd's) residence, Ashford, 53 Australia-street, Newtown, THIS AFTERNOON, at 10 to 2, for Newtown station, thence to Necropolis. BOOTS and GOMMESON, Tel., 56 N. Undertakers, Newtown.

HOAD.—The Friends of JOHN, GEORGE, and NORMAN HOAD are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their loved BROTHER, Leslie, which will leave their aunt's residence, 53 Australia-street, Newtown, THIS AFTERNOON, at 10 to 2, for Newtown station, thence Necropolis. BOOTS and GOMMESON.

MOORE.—The Friends of Mrs. F. G. MOORE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND, Frederick James; to move from her residence, Terry-street, Arncliffe, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Rockdale Station, thence to Sutherland. CHAS. KINSELA, Undertaker, Rockdale.

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BARK.—The Friends of Mr. WILLIAM BARK are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE, Ellen; to move from his residence, 35 Toogood-street, Erskineville, TO-MORROW AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for Newtown Station. ERNEST ANDREWS and CO., Mary-street, opp. P.O., Newtown.

BARK.—The Friends of Messrs. JOHN and JAMES BOLTON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER, Mrs. Ellen Bark; to move from 35 Toogood-street, Erskineville, TO-MORROW, at 1.45 p.m., for Newtown Station. ERNEST ANDREWS and CO., Mary-street, opp. P.O., Newtown.

BARK.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. BAKER and Mr. and Mrs. BARKER and Mr. and Mrs. CALLANDER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of the late Mrs. ELLEN BARK; to move from her late residence, 35 Toogood-street, Erskineville, TO-MORROW, at 1.45 p.m., for Newtown Station.

GRIFFITHS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. SYDNEY GRIFFITHS (late of Tasmania) are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved SON, Lenton George; to leave their residence, 66 Ryan-street, Lilyfield, Leichhardt, TO-MORROW (Wednesday), at 1.45 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery. COFFILL and COMPANY, Funeral Directors.

MUMFORD.—The Friends of Mr. GEORGE LUGAR MUMFORD are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late dearly loved WIFE; to leave his residence, 45 London-street, Enmore, TO-MORROW (Wednesday), at 1.45, for the Necropolis, via Newtown Station. COFFILL and COMPANY, Funeral Directors.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of MARIA LOUIA ANN GILLIES, late of Pymble, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales (Wife of ARTHUR OSWALD GILLES, of the same place), deceased.—Notice is hereby given that the First Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney; and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the twenty-first day of June next, at 11.45 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit, object thereto; otherwise if the said Accounts be not objected to, the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this twenty-first day of May, 1904. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. COPE and CO., Proctors for Executors, 14 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of ALEXANDER MORRISON, late of the city of Melbourne, in the State of Victoria, Master of Arts and Doctor of Laws, and Principal of the Scotch College, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that the Probate granted to ROBERT MORRISON and JOHN HENRY MACFARLAND, two of the Executors named in the said Will (leave being reserved to ALEXANDER FRASER MORRISON, the other Executor named therein, to come in and prove), by the Supreme Court of Victoria in its Probate Jurisdiction in respect of the above Estate, may be sealed with the seal of this Court; and all notices may be served at the offices of MACNAMARA and SMITH, London Bank-chambers, Jamieson-street, Sydney. MACNAMARA and SMITH, Proctors for the Executors, London Bank-chambers, Jamieson-street, Sydney.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of WILLIAM CHARLES WILLIS, late of Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Merchant, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to MARIAN GERTRUDE WILLIS, of Turpeian, Potts Point, Sydney aforesaid, the Widow of the said deceased, the Sole Executrix named in the said Will; and all creditors in the said Estate are requested to forward particulars of their claims within the said fourteen days to the undersigned, at whose office all notices may be served. JOHN McPHILLAMY, Proctor for the Executrix, Exchange-buildings, Bathurst. By ICETON and FAITHFULL, his Agents, 88 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—No. 8467.—In the Estate of HENRY SOUTHCOTT, late of Sofala, in the State of New South Wales, Storekeeper, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration de bonis non of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ARTHUR ERNEST SOUTHCOTT, a son of the deceased, with power to sell the Real Estate of the deceased, and that the usual Administration Bond may be dispensed with; and creditors are required to send in forthwith particulars of their claims to, and all notices may be left at the offices of the undersigned. Dated the 19th day of May, A.D. 1904. LEWIS LEVY and FULTON, Proctors for Applicant, 107-110 Vickery's-chambers, 82 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of MARIA EMMA GADEN, late of Parramatta, in the State of New South Wales, Spinster, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to THOMAS BROCKLEBANK GADEN, one of the Executors named in the said Will, with leave reserved to FRANCIS THOMAS WATKINS, the other Executor named in the said Will, to come in hereafter and prove the same; and all notices and all claims upon the Estate of the said deceased may be sent to the office of the undersigned. BRADLEY and SON, Proctors, 60 Margaret-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of GEORGINA SPENCE, late of Church-street, Parramatta, in the State of New South Wales, Domestic Servant, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to CHARLES ASHWORTH KAY and ALEXANDER GERARD RALSTON, the Executors named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. J. T. RALSTON, Proctor for Executors, 86 Pitt-street, Sydney.

NOTICE FOR ADMINISTRATION.—IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of JAMES LEE, late of Scone, in the State of New South Wales, Carpenter, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to PERCEY WEDDINGTON LEE, the Father of the said deceased; and all notices may be served on Applicant at Turanville, Scone. PERCEY WEDDINGTON LEE, Turanville, Scone.

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WANTED, experienced GENERAL, small fam., refs. req. 59 Roslyn-st, Darlinghurst.

WANTED, H. P. M., 14s, school; Lady Help, C. and L., Gens. Tolfree and Compton, 522 George-st.

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WANTED, good strong GIRL, about 14, country preferred. Apply 100 Oxford-st, Paddington.

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WANTED, competent GENERAL, must be well recommended. 66 Wigram-rd, Glebe Point.

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WANTED, yng. GENERAL for Mountains. Apply Cooper's, 108 Pitt-st, opposite G.P.O.

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